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## Man, 53, is found dead outside reef



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**A** 53-year-old man who had gone swimming was later found dead outside the reef of Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon.

Isidro Wabol sustained trauma to the forehead with swelling and abrasions, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said Wabol was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center, where a doctor pronounced him dead

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Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel, with the assistance of a bystander, use the latter's boat in pulling out Isidro Wabol, who was found dead and floating outside the reef of Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon. Photo shows DFEMS personnel transferring the body to a waiting ambulance.

DEREK GERSONDE

## CUC: Rota incinerator not cost-effective

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. believes it is not cost-effective to put up a separate incinerator on Rota to

dispose of the island's waste oil, but favors the installation of a smaller capacity incinerator there.

Rota produces about 5,000 gallons of waste oil per year, which CUC legal counsel James Sirok de-

scribed as minimal.

Comparatively, Saipan produces about 150,000 gallons of waste oil per year.

In CUC's status report to the U.S.

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## Guerrero questions OAG charges

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Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) is planning to introduce legislation that would allow autonomous government agencies to hire their own lawyers after learning that the Office of the Attorney General has been charging legal fees when

appointed to represent these departments.

Guerrero believes that agencies being allowed to hire their own legal counsel is not unconstitutional.

"Where in the Constitution that says it is not allowed? If that's the case, I think we should allow each department or agency to outsource

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## Local

### Latte Academy hands out \$11K to 10 students

Latte Training Academy Inc. gave 10 scholarships to 10 students, amounting to \$11,000 last week during the graduation ceremony of the fall 2016 Hotel and Hospitality Certification Course.

The scholarships given out were multiple scholarships of \$1,000 and one \$2,000, totaling \$11,000.

The sole recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship, known as the Marianas Hospitality Scholarship, is Eloise E. Lopez of Marianas High School and is currently a student of Northern Marianas College.

Lopez completed the Hotel and Hospitality certification course, one of the many courses offered by the academy. The scholarship required recipients

of the \$2,000 scholarship to have completed at least one course. For the \$1,000 variant of the same name, the recipient must either be attending Kagman High School, Marianas High School, or Saipan Southern High School.

"I took this course because I...want to learn more. This could be one of the things that I can actually develop [in the future]," said Lopez. "I want to get a job [in the industry] first and see where I can go from there."

Lopez was excited and nervous upon receiving the scholarship. "I can't wait to do much more."

For more information, contact LTA at lattetrainingacademy@outlook.com. (Erwin Encinares)

### Emergency water outage ongoing

There is currently an emergency water service interruption in the As Lito, As Perdido and Koblerville areas. The cause of the interruption is due to a couple leaks on the water main line located on the Chalan Martinez Road in As Lito near Green Consume and Judy's Café. Water operations personnel of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are

currently making the necessary repairs and are anticipated to be completed last night at 6pm. Water service hours will return to regular service hours soon thereafter. Currently, the northbound lane is closed for CUC repair crews. Motorists are urged to be cautious in the area and also advised to take an alternative route if possible. (CUC)

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## 3 men who beat up another over \$500 loan plead guilty

Three men who allegedly brought a man to Marpi last December, beat him, and threatened to throw him off a cliff over an unpaid \$500 loan that carried a \$1,500 interest pleaded guilty and were each slapped with a 39-day time served sentence.

Rujian Huang, 37, and Zhao Xi Huang, 29, both pleaded guilty on Tuesday to assault and battery-aiding and abetting as part of a plea deal. Wen Wang, 34 pleaded guilty to assault and battery.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced each of them to 39 days of time-served imprisonment.

Kim-Tenorio ordered the Department of Corrections to bring the three to the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning prior to their release that same day, Tuesday.

The judge also ordered DOC to transport the three to the Saipan International Airport by 1pm that same day. The defendants agreed to voluntarily depart the CNMI.

They were ordered to each pay a \$1,000 fine and \$25 in court assessment fee. They were required to write a letter of apology to the victim, Zechun Zhang.

The remaining charges of

kidnapping and disturbing the peace were dropped.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski served as counsel for the alleged victim, Zhao Huang, while attorney Shelli Neal represented Rujian Huang and Wang.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Zhao Huang drove a car to the scene and aided and abetted Wang, who punched Zhang several times in the face on Dec. 15, 2016, on Saipan.

Rujian Huang aided Wang, who punched Zhang. Wang caused bodily harm to the victim when he punched him in the face repeatedly.

The victim told the officers that he borrowed \$500 from a man he only knew as Mr. Huang, who has been selling alcoholic beverages from the back of his car to MCC International employees in front of their barracks. Huang was later identified as Rujian Huang.

The victim confessed to police that he borrowed money from Rujian Huang because he had been gambling and lost money. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Chinese business donates \$5K

A Chinese business situated in the Paseo de Marianas handed out donations yesterday to several community organizations on the island.

Jiang Zheng Group Inc., which does business as real estate company Joint Marketing Inc., donated to community organizations such as Karidat,

Commonwealth Cancer Association, the Northern Marianas Protection Advocacy Systems Inc., Empty Vessel Ministries, and both Pirates teams of

Saipan Little League Majors division.

Joint Marketing CEO Eric Guo said he was just sharing his blessings as a Chinese tradition

before the Chinese New Year.

"I appreciate this island a lot, because the people on the island are very honest and very friendly," said Guo.

"I try my best to help others. I am not just a businessman; I am also human. I care about

what the community needs," he said.

Both little league teams received \$1,400 each, while Empty Vessel received \$600, and NMPASI, CCA, and Karidat each received \$1,000. (**Erwin Encinares**)



ERWIN ENCINARES

Joint Marketing Inc. president Eric Guo, fourth from left, posing with representatives of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, Empty Vessel, and his staff after donating \$5,000 to various community organizations.

## CUC

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District Court for the NMI, Sirok said that CUC currently ships Rota waste oil to Saipan as the Guam Power Authority no longer accepts waste oil.

Saipan has two waste oil incinerators at CUC power plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base.

Considering that Saipan power plants produce around 150,000 gallons of waste oil per year, Sirok said that Rota's yearly waste oil volume would just be a small addition to the

waste stream on Saipan.

Sirok said that mobilizing contractor GRESO to load and ship two years' worth of waste oil will cost CUC approximately \$40,000.

Based on CUC's price quotations in 2014, prices for incinerators range from \$136,000 to \$340,000, he said.

CUC estimates that an incinerator core has an approximate life span of three years.

Sirok said that based on the 2014 quotations, when considered with the need to replace a core every three years, and further considering the mini-

mal amount of waste oil produced on Rota per year and the current cost to ship this waste to Saipan for incineration, it would not be cost-effective to have a separate incinerator on Rota.

However, Sirok pointed out, CUC believes that having a smaller capacity incinerator on Rota for the island's disposal of waste oil is "less risky, environmentally sound, and more efficient for CUC."

Sirok said CUC is willing to take on this obligation and suggests that monies from the Technical Manager for Oil

fund can be used for this small incinerator.

Sirok said if the task of purchasing and installing an incinerator on Rota or Saipan is performed through the Engineering and Environmental Management Company, CUC feels that a higher price can be expected.

Gilbane Federal is the court-appointed EEMC that is tasked to oversee several of CUC's projects.

Sirok said the issue of using the TMO fund for this purpose has not been presented to or discussed with the EEMC,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sirok said CUC may need assistance from the court/EEMC to obtain EPA approval for an incinerator.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David Carter ordered CUC to prepare a status report in preparation for a status conference on Feb. 21, 2017. The incinerator was among the issues that Sirok discussed in CUC's status report.

Carter recently tasked representatives from CUC, EPA,

and EEMC to go to Rota and assess the need to install a separate incinerator for the disposal of the island's waste.

Carter raised at the recent conference his concerns, among other issues, over the separate incinerator for Rota.

The Rota incinerator is among the three principal projects that have been identified for Department of the Interior funding next year according to Bradley R. O'Brien, U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney.

## MAN

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at 3:31pm.

The cause of the victim's death is undetermined pending autopsy results.

Gersonde said that Wabol was swimming alone, but his family was at the beach.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety about

a possible stranded swimmer at Sugar Dock yesterday at 2:48pm.

Members of DFEMS Search and Rescue Unit, Rescue 1 and Medic-1 from the Susupe Fire Station were dispatched and arrived at the location at 2:51pm.

Search and Rescue Unit personnel, with the help of a bystander, launched the latter's boat from Sugar Dock.

At 3pm, Search and Res-

cue Unit personnel found the victim floating face down outside the reef.

Gersonde said that Wabol showed obvious signs of death such as having no pulse, rigor mortis or stiffening of the body, and fixed and dilated pupils.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said he is still waiting for the report from the Boating Safety officers, but he confirmed that the victim died.

Tarkong said the victim had been swimming and was later missing and found floating outside the buoy at Sugar Dock.

Tarkong said the family was also at the beach at that time.

The U.S. National Weather Service in Guam issued an advisory yesterday, telling the people in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to avoid venturing near reef lines, especially along west and north facing

shores, where there will be a high risk of life-threatening rip currents.

NWS said surf is hazardous at 9 to 12 feet along west, north, and northeast facing reefs.

Surf will begin to subside Friday night and could fall below hazardous levels Saturday morning.

Last year, two persons reportedly drowned in the CNMI.

Last May 15, a 67-year-old Korean woman died possibly due to drowning while swimming at Managaha Island. The victim, along with two daughters, one son-in-law, and some grandchildren, went swimming and family members later found her floating in the swimming area.

On Jan. 12, 2016, a Chinese male tourist drowned while swimming at Tachogna Beach on Tinian.

## GUERRERO

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their own legal representation," he said. "Why should the attorney general appoint assistant attorneys to represent these agencies and then charge them?"

"My concern here is the AG has a budget and they receive it every fiscal year but why are you going to charge the agency that you

represent? If that's the case, I highly recommend these agencies and departments to hire their own legal counsels," added Guerrero, who chairs the House Commerce and Tourism Committee.

When asked, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, through public information officer Carla Torres, declined to comment.

The OAG received \$2,877,918 in the fiscal year 2017 budget, with 86

percent or \$2,487,183 going to pay the salaries of its 53 personnel. Another \$330,735 is allocated for their daily operations while \$60,000 is for utilities.

Guerrero said it is only appropriate that the OAG should pay the salaries of its lawyers when they represent these autonomous agencies such as the Marianas Visitors Authority and Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"If you're there to le-

gally represent, then the AG should be the one paying these legal counsels. It is already in their budget. It is already embedded. They are receiving salary from the budget, which they receive every year for the purpose of personnel. It doesn't add up that the OAG would charge. It is like double dipping."

According to Guerrero the AG's practice of charging for services is across the board,

with the Department of Public Lands and the MVA among the agencies that are being billed for legal services rendered.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion told *Saipan Tribune* that they have no problem paying for the legal services of their counsel. Assistant attorney general Michael Witry is MVA's legal counsel.

"The AG is a separate entity now. Back then the AG

came out publicly and said they are willing and capable of representing other departments and agency. But they are charging the agencies that they represent. Why are they charging?"

He said the Legislature plans to invite the AG and talk to him to discuss the issue. "We would love to hear from their office. I would love to hear the side of the AG, know their point of view, and ask them why?"



A photograph of four young people, three boys and one girl, standing outdoors around a dark table. The girl on the left is holding a smartphone and showing it to the others. They are all smiling and looking at the phone. The background shows greenery and a building.

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Members of the Strategic Workforce Action Team pose for a group photo after their recent meeting to discuss workforce development and continuing education issues. Seated, from left, Arlene Yamagata, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Dr. Carmen Fernandez, Northern Marianas College; Tee Abraham, Civil Service Commission; Edith Deleon Guerrero, Department of Labor; and Mark Rabauliman, Department of Commerce. Standing, from left: Rose Pangelinan, CNMI Scholarship Office, Gloria Cavanagh, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands; Maria Aguon, Northern Marianas College Tinian; Lourdes Atalig, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Velma Lore, Commonwealth Casino Commission; Mercylonn Palec, Saipan Chamber of Commerce; Martin Mendiola, Northern Marianas College Rota; Ross Manglona, Northern Mariana Trade Institute; Carol Chagualaf, Marianas Visitors Authority; and Merissa Rasa, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance.

## Fernandez convenes NMC workforce team

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez recently convened a meeting of the Strategic Workforce Action Team, better known as SWAT, a group formed to address the CNMI's workforce development and continuing education needs.

"The work of this group is especially critical, given that only two years remain until the transitional worker program ends in 2019, although it is hoped that the cap increase and extension are granted,"

said Fernandez.

"There is considerable work ahead of us, and I am confident that this team, which is composed of highly effective and capable individuals, will be able to identify short and long-term solutions to help the CNMI meet local workforce needs," added Fernandez.

The SWAT team includes leaders and representatives of the Public School System, Department of Labor, Department of Commerce,

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nancial Assistance Program, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Civil Service Commission, Hotel Association of the NMI, Marianas Visitors Authority, Office of

Personnel Management, and the college.

The first meeting last week centered on topics like career readiness, customer service skills, internship opportunities, financial literacy of stu-

dents, and other topics. The discussion also included the CNMI Scholarship's Marianas Employees Financial Assistance Program and the program that provides scholarship opportunities for high

school students.

Fernandez said the work of SWAT will also complement other workforce-focused groups.

"Many of the recommendation and action items coming

from the team will be implemented at the college and at the other agencies represented, while larger scale strategies will be presented to the governor and Legislature," Fernandez said. (NMC)

## PANGELINAN EARNS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING LICENSE

Congratulations! **Jeff Palacios Pangelinan** of Gualo Rai Saipan, has obtained his Professional Civil Engineering License by passing both Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the California Civil Seismic Examination. Jeff is the son of Cecilia & Alfred Koyama Pangelinan. He received his Bachelors of Science from Oregon State University and an Alumni of Mount Carmel School.



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## Trump undoes Obama's oily moves on pipelines

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It was a harm-America-first tactic, the Obama administration's sabotage of the Keystone XL pipeline. Keeping it from being built was anti-energy, anti-jobs, anti-consumer, anti-science, anti-security and anti-friendship with Canada. President Obama got in the way to please environmental lobbyists in a swamp that, in this respect, at least, President Donald Trump is draining.

On Tuesday, this new president of ours signed executive orders—remember them?—to restart work on the pipeline from Alberta, Canada, to Texas refineries as well as on the Dakota Access pipeline also halted for insupportable reasons. The State Department still has review work to do on Keystone XL, but guess what?

It investigated the project years ago, loads of scientists took part, volumes of details were produced and the environmentalist worry about climate consequences was dismissed.

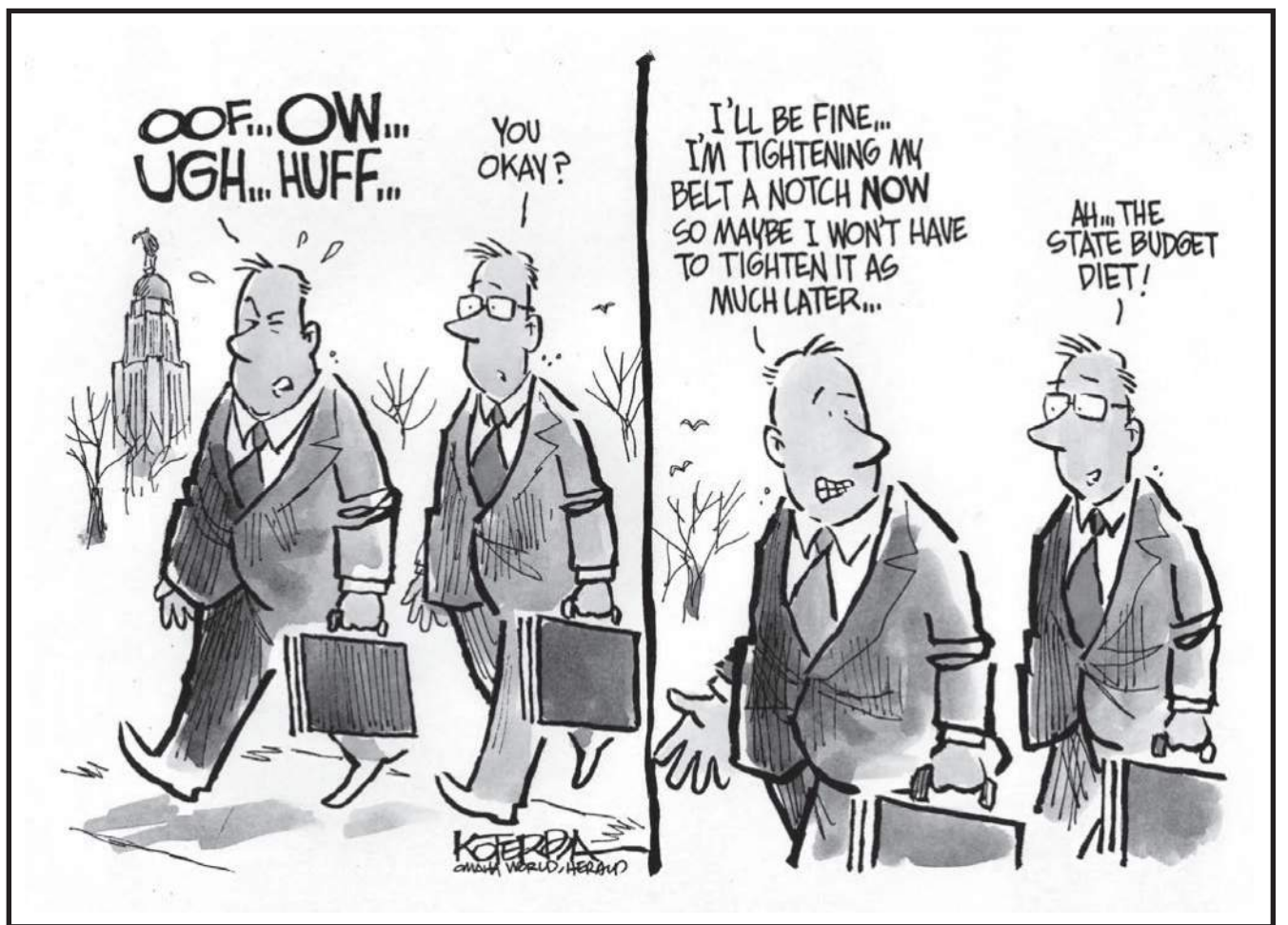
Even if the crude oil was not used in America, the department noted, it would be used by some other country such as China, meaning that the greenhouse gas emissions would still make their way to the atmosphere. And while the pipeline would blessedly deliver 830,000 economy-boosting barrels a day to meet our undeniable energy needs, the actual climate effect would be scientifically verifiable spit in the ocean.

It is also said that pipelines have leaks, and some do, but we have 2.5 million miles of them in the United States, there happen to be risks with everything, and if we decided that this particular risk was too much, we would have another to worry about: giving up our modern way of life.

The benefits, meanwhile, would include thousands of construction jobs, and, oh, so what, some say, noting they would be temporary. Right. They would be. Projects get completed. Should we therefore quit counting construction jobs in our employment figures? By environmentalist calculations, I guess so.

Other pluses: This infrastructure project, being undertaken by a private Canadian company, won't cost the United States much of anything. Gas prices could come down some and, the Wall Street Journal notes, local communities will get tax benefits in the millions. As a National Review writer has pointed out, this oil will be cheaper than the oil we get from the Middle East. It will be more secure. And it will be a boon for our ally and biggest trading partner, namely Canada.

So what about the Dakota Access pipeline? Despite a court ruling, the Obama administration blocked it, too, because of opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe fearing destruction of sacred grounds. We all know what horrible things have been done to Native Americans over the years, and sympathy was inevitable.

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## Oscar nominations less white but far from diverse

By **DENNIS ROMERO**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

When black performers were excluded from all acting categories at the Academy Awards for a second year in a row in 2016, the shutout sparked a second year of an impassioned social-media movement: #OscarsSoWhite. You could say the campaign was a success. A week later, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences pledged to phase out senior members and enlist new, diverse voters who would, if all recruiting goals were met, double minority membership by 2020. Tuesday morning, for the first time, three black actors were nominated in the same category, supporting actress: Viola Davis for “Fences,” Naomie Harris for “Moonlight” and Octavia Spencer for “Hidden Figures.” Denzel Washington was also nominated in the lead actor category for his performance in “Fences,” and Mahershala Ali in the supporting actor category for “Moonlight.”

But Hollywood's diversity problem isn't solved. By many measures, it's still as bad as ever. And the studios' biggest minority deficit by far involves the very people living and working outside their walls in virtually every direction—Latinos.

There were no egregious snubs for Latinos—as expected, Lin-Manuel Miranda got a nod for original song for “Moana”—but that's only because there were so very few roles for us to begin with. Though the Mexican auteur Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu won the Oscar for director in 2015 and 2016, and his countryman Alfonso Cuarón took home the same award in 2014, the two directors are elite aberrations.

In a report published last year, USC found that Latinos got only 5 percent of speaking roles in the top-grossing 100 films released in 2015. The glaring absence extends to television. UCLA's 2016 Hollywood Diversity Report found that Latinos were the most underrepresented group in TV for the second year in a row. The previous year, UCLA's annual report found that Latinos got only 2 percent of the roles in scripted broadcast TV, while Asians got 4 percent and black characters were “overrepresented.” According to the report's longtime author, Darnell Hunt, Hollywood has actually been losing ground with minorities because the Latino population's growth is outpacing the industry's reluctant attempts to diversify.

Even when rare lead roles are scripted for Latino characters, they are often filled by non-Latino actors. Ben Affleck played the Mexican American CIA operative Antonio “Tony” Mendez in the 2012 film “Argo,” and Jon Favreau played the Cuban entrepreneur behind the “El Jefe” food truck in his 2014 film “Chef.” More recently, the British actor Charlie Hunnam, best known for his role in TV's “Sons of Anarchy,” was criticized for taking the role of a Mexican American narco-boss in the upcoming

feature “American Drug Lord.”

The dearth of Latino storytelling and overlooking of Latino talent is especially remarkable when you consider that about 3 out of 4 people in Los Angeles County are minorities, and about half of them are Latino, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Latinos surpassed whites as the largest ethnic or racial group in California in 2015, and we make up nearly 1 out of 5 Americans. We also accounted for almost 1 out of every 4 tickets purchased by frequent moviegoers in 2015, according to the Motion Picture Association of America. In the same year, more Latinos headed to theaters regularly than African-Americans and Asians combined.

For these reasons, the African-American activist Najee Ali is bringing back the boycott this year, but with a focus on Latinos. In a telephone interview, he called the industry's snubbing of Latinos “disturbing.” In another interview, Alex Nogales, chief executive of the National Hispanic Media Coalition and a longtime advocate for diversity in film and TV, told me that his group will be joining criticism of the Academy.

“Yes, they've done better with African-Americans,” he said, “but diversity is about more than just one group. We're being ignored.”

Nogales was echoing a sentiment expressed by the actor America Ferrera in a column for Deadline last year. “At a certain point, it becomes unavoidable to notice that we're being ignored,” Ferrera said. In a scathing piece for the Hollywood Reporter in 2014, Chris Rock argued that the industry sees Latinos only as a service class. “Forget whether Hollywood is black enough,” Rock wrote. “A better question is: Is Hollywood Mexican enough? You're in LA, you've got to try not to hire Mexicans.”

Elyce Helford, director of Jewish and Holocaust studies at Middle Tennessee State University, has argued that Hollywood's Jewish founders established a lily-white vision of America because they feared anti-Semitism and wanted to stave off any suspicions or accusations that their values were un-American. A similar fear has led some of Hollywood's most celebrated Latino talents, including Rita Hayworth, to adopt professional names that belie their south-of-the-border heritage.

This year brings an added concern—that an industry that has long portrayed Latinos as banditos, gangsters, and busboys will serve to fuel the racism and hatred generated by a divisive election in which the winning candidate attempted to brand Mexican immigrants as criminals and rapists. If there's hope that Latinos will ever be seen as three-dimensional, assimilated, and American, it can be found just outside the studio gates.

Dennis Romero is a staff writer for the LA Weekly. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



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## Checklists and cheat sheets

In our age of the electronic screen, old-school techniques are fading fast. Some of those techniques are still useful, though. I'd like to refresh our awareness of one such technique, a technique that has many uses in the tourism industry. This is the technique of quick-reference lists, by which I mean "cheat sheets" and checklists. Quick references come in all shapes and sizes. For many business tasks a single, laminated page, often cropped to a small and handy size, is the best bet.

I am a complete geek for this stuff. It's a big part of aviation. That's where I picked it up. Today, however, my context is business management.

You might tell me that this is a boring subject. Fair enough. So I'll tell you something that's even more boring: Going out of business in the tourism industry, whereupon you have to leave paradise and take a 9-to-5 cubicle gig in some gray city somewhere.

That's a scary thought. Here's another one that's related: One of my friends almost went out of business recently. This was not in the tourism industry, nor on Saipan, but the lesson is still ripe.

My friend's company had one critical, flagship supplier. The supplier sprang a procedures audit on his company. His company failed it. As a result, the supplier yanked its products, yanked its joint marketing, and yanked its credit. This occurred in a prestigious, high-dollar industry where suppliers are very careful about who is selling their brand.

In this case, the entire problem could have been avoided if

my friend had issued a simple checklist to his staff. He says it would only have taken about two hours to develop. However, faced with all the demands of running the business, it was always easiest to just kick the can down the road for another day.

If we want to get a headache by pondering imponderables, we can consider that. While you could impute some sort of cost to spending two hours developing a checklist, you can't really assign a value to it nor to the problems that it can avoid. After all, problems that are avoided are problems that can't be counted. So it's easy to overlook the checklist as a productive tool.

Boiling things down to normal, every day management on Saipan, an example of a checklist is something that enumerates the necessary routines for the daily opening of a retail store, and another checklist could be used for the daily closing of a retail store.

This not only guards against things being overlooked, it also provides a means of enforcing standards on staff. After all, you can't really blame a worker for forgetting to perform some small task on occasion. Everybody forgets stuff. That's just human.

But you can hold someone to task for refusing to use a checklist. That's an act of volition.

A well-designed checklist follows a logical pattern. For example, if you're dealing with an array of switches on a piece of machinery, you can create a "flow" that goes, say, from left to right and from top to bottom. This is a lot better than jumping

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around to items at random. In our store example the same concept can be followed, using a flow that starts in one part of the store and then sweeps through the area.

Another type of quick reference is the time-honored "cheat sheet," which is just a handy compilation of selected information.

One example is a sheet that has a few canned phrases in the languages used by tourists. This won't solve all your problems in customer service, of course, but it can solve some of them. For other problems it can buy your front-line staff some time so they can call in reinforcements.

Overall, checklists and cheat sheets should be succinct, human-friendly, and designed to make things easier, not harder. This isn't rocket science. It just requires a certain knack for meshing the hands-on world with the notion of systemization. It's old school, but it works.

## Busy weekend at home

It was an extraordinary weekend loaded with events, from the inauguration of President Trump to the less than hopeful tidings in poor bond ratings for a major investment here.

For all the chaos of the 2016 presidential election, the country came together in celebration of democracy. It's our belief in something bigger than the self. Donald John Trump became the 45<sup>th</sup> president of our country!

Trump didn't veer off his narrative to transfer power from the moneyed Washington establishment to "we the people." His inauguration was the first day of fulfilling the expressions of Americans across the country, taking back what's theirs—a government of the people—in wealth and jobs creation.

Said Trump: "For too long, a small group in our nation's capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished, but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered, but the jobs left and the factories closed.

"The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country. Their victories have not been your victories. Their triumphs have not been your triumphs. And while they celebrated in our nation's capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land."

**U.S. policy:** But what Trump seems to have missed was the American policy some 30 years ago giving manufacturing to China and Mexico while dishing the service industry to India. This shuttered manufacturing in Middle America, thus the job losses. Hope this oversight eases the tension among trading nations.

Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba, the largest e-commerce site in China, related that throughout the period, the top American firms made millions upon millions of dollars than all firms combined in his republic. Question: Where did that money go? Wasn't it spent on various wars that cost Americans over \$14 trillion? Was any of it spent rebuilding basic infrastructure?

Mr. Ma advocates sharing with small global businesses the benefits of the digital age. He said this should result in every business sharing in the larger global pie that grants them better opportunities to improve the livelihood of their people.

Be that as it may, Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from the Trans Pacific Partnership agreement. His decision forces two issues to the forefront: Allied countries secretly hoping the U.S. would keep its police role in the region or may be forced to converge using shared values and commitment to continue collective trade and security. Who then would emerge as the global leader?

**Bond rating:** The lowering of bond rating for IPI has spread

among investors. Such tiding is a red flag on investments anywhere in the world. It's critical in the sense that financing institutions use it to guard the money of prospective investors from chancing investment losses.

It's very unsettling what it may wreak against the local economy over the short- and long-term. Is the so-called leadership wary of these issues? Or is its eyesight calcified in the redundant excuse, "Not yet, already?"

**NMC's visionary step:** NMC took the visionary step to include information technology—with specific programs as majors—the most profound shift I've heard in decades.

It takes one more step to establish the twin policy of "research and development center" where the NMI should be able to begin planning its future in deliberate fashion.

Policy formulation would be supported by purposeful and in-depth research work by the R&D center. It should eliminate second-guessing the crafting of policies right off the hip.

As it is, there's nothing up the alley of meaningful investments in the near or long-term. Without the twin policies, out the window goes "wealth and jobs" creation in perpetuity.

**Focusing:** While I mull over the future of these isles, I happened upon a story, "Bloomberg's Innovation Index" that "scores economies using factors including research and development spending and the concentration of high-tech public companies."

Would you believe that nearby South Korea is the biggest winner? It topped the "international charts in R&D intensity, value-added manufacturing and patent activity and with top five rankings in high-tech density, higher education and research concentration." The NMI's economic salvation is in the twin policies of IT and R&D. Skipping it triggers serious familial plans to evacuate elsewhere!

"The ranking began with over 200 economies, from which those that didn't report data for at least six of seven categories measured were eliminated, trimming the list to 78. Bloomberg released overall and category scores for the top 50 innovative economies." It's about the future of investments by global investors. Are there visionaries here?

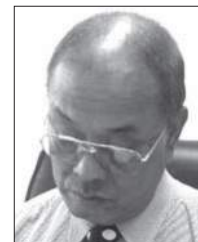
**Fandango:** Raffy and Arnold Palacios conveniently avoided vetoing the legislation increasing the salaries of the elected elite. A shallow excuse at best, a "can't fool the people all the time" at worst. This one won't sit well in our minds in next year's election.

The disparity is oceans apart—80 percent for me, myself and I or elected elite—5 percent for powerless civil servants and none for employees struggling in private industries. And so the royal misfits are at it again, tip-toeing while their so-called inaction implodes.

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This BS is slammed against ordinary folks when greedy politicians ignore "doing the right thing by doing them right." The corrupt has calcified its mindset on more negligent activities as to openly ignore the needs of villagers who have held on to their daily struggles in quiet dignity.

Raffy doubled down his grand delusion with his entourage to Washington at taxpayers' expense—taxes you and I pay—into the local coffers. Troubling in the sense that it involved a family vacation of more than 16 people at the expense of struggling taxpayers. Is this administration realistically wary of the financial posture of the NMI or "not yet, already?"

## TRUMP

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But, please note, the pipeline does not touch their reservation and the company building it went out of its way to identify 149 culturally sensitive sites, making sure nothing would be done to disturb any of them. The Sioux were invited by the company and public officials to come and talk and didn't. At some point, you say case closed, as a federal judge in fact did.

Remember, too, that the project generated jobs in North Dakota, where the pipeline begins, and that energy will be supplied to Illinois, where it ends.






Along with announcing these moves forward in the interest of the country, Trump also scribbled his signature on another executive order. It told regulators to refashion an infrastructure permitting process that is unforgivably costly, takes forever and is more than occasionally irrelevant to anything. It's not in the nature of bureaucracy to give up such delights, but maybe we will see some progress.

Trump, hardly bumble-free in his first days in office, has just undone a couple of Obama legacies that put America last, or something close to that.

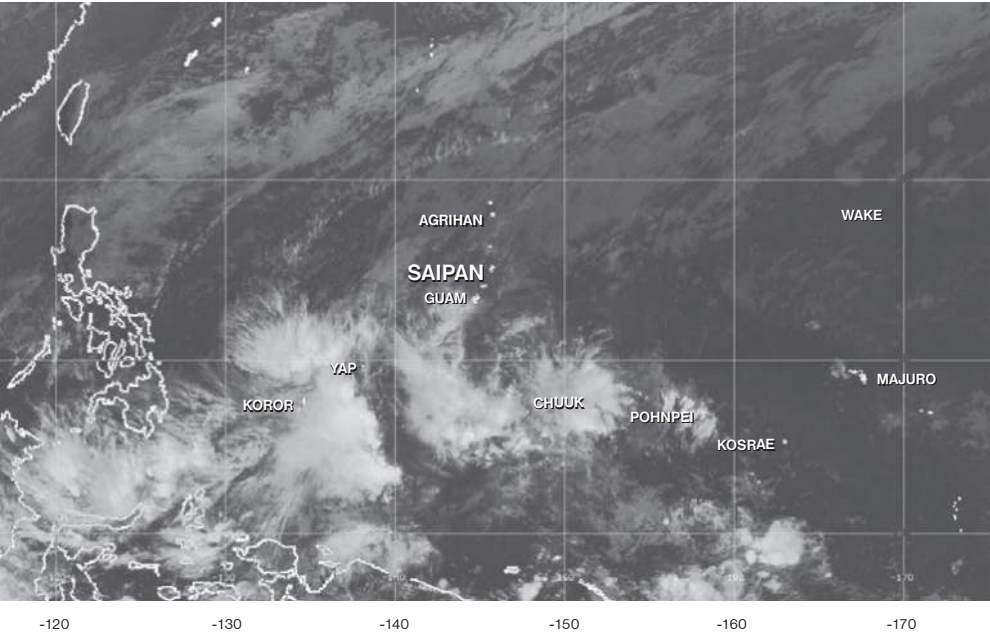


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 7:51 AM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows a line of showers just northwest of the Marianas waters and another line just southeast of the Marianas waters. The second line is gradually moving toward us. Nevertheless, shower coverage is expected to be isolated as the dominant category. The VAD wind profile reveals northeast winds of 8 to 12 knots which increase to between 15 and 27 knots through the lowest 8 thousand feet of the air.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	83° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	39° / 25°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	72° / 66°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	80° / 66°
London	Mostly Cloudy	48° / 43°
Los Angeles	Sunny	64° / 43°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	86° / 73°
Melbourne	Sunny	82° / 59°
Miami	Showers	77° / 59°
New York	Partly Cloudy	44° / 32°
Osaka	Sunny	52° / 36°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	54° / 43°
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	50° / 37°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	57° / 43°
Salem	Sunny	58° / 35°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	15° / -2°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	39° / 25°
Tokyo	Sunny	52° / 36°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	44° / 31°



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1:26 AM	LOW TIDE		-0.27
8:18 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.77
1:47 PM	LOW TIDE		1.1
6:45 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.9

	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Sunday	6:47 AM	6:14 PM
Monday	6:46 AM	6:14 PM
Tuesday	6:46 AM	6:15 PM

	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:51AM	5:34 PM	-
Saturday	6:39AM	6:27 PM	-
Sunday	7:26AM	7:21 PM	-
Monday	8:12AM	8:15 PM	-
Tuesday	8:57AM	9:09 PM	-

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DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW308	3:05am	6:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:30pm	9:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)			
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:40am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:55am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	9:50am	3:20pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW307	8:45pm	2:05am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						



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To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

1. Reside in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or San Francisco, California;

2. Be high school seniors, Class of 2017 (copies of transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores required);

3. Submit application by March 11, 2017 to Bank of Guam, ATTN: Communications Department;

4. Submit three letters of recommendation, two from a teacher or administrator from the student's high school and one from a reference of choice; and

5. Submit answers to three essay questions (please see brochure for additional rules), and a one-minute video clip about the applicant.

The scholarship will be available for use at any four-year U.S. accredited college or university. Up to 10 semifinalists will be selected by April 2017 and will then be required to submit additional documents, including an acceptance letter to a U.S. accredited four-year college or university. The final five recipients will be announced by June 2017.

Applications are available online at [www.bankofguam.com](http://www.bankofguam.com), at all Bank of Guam branches, Customer Service Department in Hagatna Branch and the Communications Department. They have also been distributed to high schools. **(BoG)**

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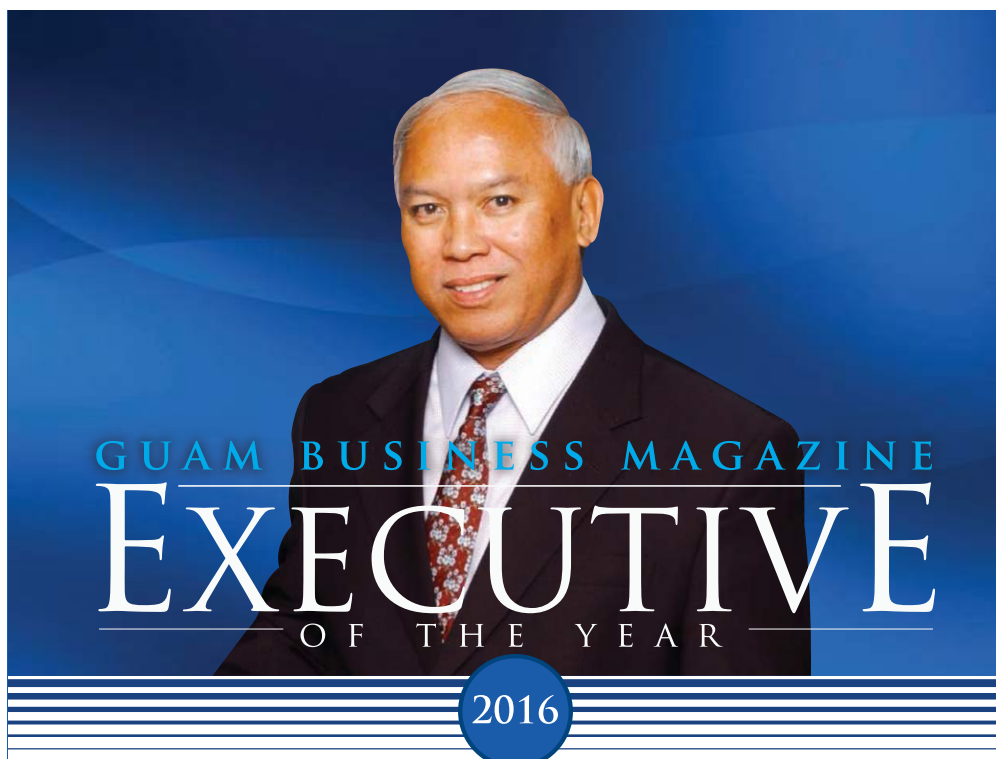
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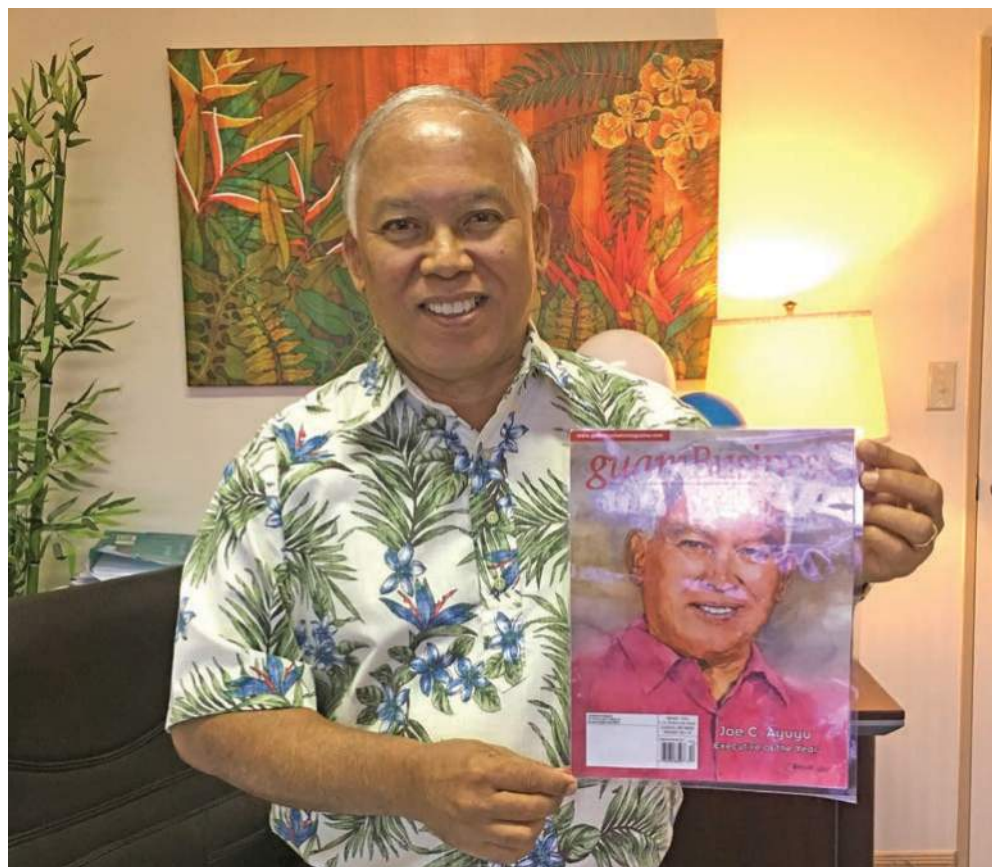
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## 1-ON-1 WITH MCDONALD'S JOE AYUYU 'Growing up poor was biggest motivation'



MARK RABAGO

McDonald's Saipan and Guam owner Jose "Joe" C. Ayuyu shows off the cover of *Guam Business Magazine*, which featured him as its Executive of the Year

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Indeed, McDonald's Saipan and Guam owner Jose "Joe" C. Ayuyu has come a long way.

Now the proud owner of both McDonald's franchises on Saipan and Guam, Ayuyu wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth. In fact, the oldest of 12 children of Este-

ban and Juanita grew up poor.

Rather than forget the struggles he and his siblings went through during their formative years in Chalan Kanoa, the

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**GROWING**

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2016 *Guam Business Magazine's* Executive of the Year embraced it.

"Growing up, I would ask my parents for something. I would say, 'Can I have money to watch a movie or buy candy?' and they would always say, 'We have no money.' I came from a very poor family. It was a struggle just to make ends meet," he said.

When it was time to go to the University of Hawaii on a scholarship, Ayuyu said his father, a mechanic, couldn't even give him pocket money, only saying, "Good luck and you have to pay for your own education."

"I didn't want to go through that again. I also don't want my kids to go through what I went through, which was growing up poor. What I am now has a lot to do with my upbringing and this has been my driving force to become successful."

The 64-year-old Ayuyu, who is the franchise owner of two McDonald's stores on Saipan, made news when he acquired six McDonald's restaurants in Guam last year. It's probably the main reason why *Guam Business* magazine chose him to be this year's awardee.

Winning the award was, however, farthest from his mind.

"I wasn't expecting it...I was surprised after I was nominated. I always thought my chances of winning were very slim. I still have to thank them for recognizing the contributions I made in business."

Ayuyu said everyone was surprised when a businessman from Saipan managed to purchase six Golden Arches restaurants in the U.S. territory from the McDonald's Corp. of Chicago.

"I bought the six McDonald's in Guam that was owned by McDonald's Corp. for the past 45 years. A lot of people were under the impression that somebody in Guam owned the franchise on the island," he said.

Acquiring the McDonald's stores in Guam had been a long-cherished dream.

"For many, many years I've been bugging the corporation to buy them out. They've always been reluctant to sell it," he said, adding that they finally relented in 2016. "The people in charge probably thought that, 'You know, Joe has been doing a good job there. Let's go ahead and sell the restaurants. He needs to grow anyway. Let's sell it to him.'"

Ayuyu said he wanted to expand to Guam as long as 10 years ago at a time when Saipan's economy hit rock bottom.

"I was doing OK but I saw that I needed to diversify myself to protect my business establishment from having to

depend solely on the Saipan economy. From there on, I always thought that if ever I had the opportunity to go to Guam, it will really help me because if things really go from bad to worse on Saipan, I have a backup plan and we'll have something to fall back on."

After acquiring McDonald's Guam, Ayuyu made sure to implement two things—keep the current staffing and renovate stores that showed their age.

"My plan all along was to retain everybody. I want a smooth transition. A lot of people working in the company have been there for a long time so it makes a lot of sense to keep them."

He also plans to renovate the Tamuning branch, which has been around 75 years. The other McDonald's Guam branches are in Hagatna, Maiti, Tumon, Harmon, and Yigo.

Ayuyu plans to add another store in Yigo this year and has scheduled its groundbreaking in March.

On Saipan, Ayuyu said he wants to expand his McDonald's Express in Garapan but is holding back right now from opening a third store.

"The bottom line in opening a new restaurant is if it will be viable and feasible. Opening a new restaurant is always easy to do, but we want to open in a place and stay there for a long, long time. Two stores on Saipan is OK right now, with the possibility of upgrading the store in Garapan," he said.

Since there is no longer a master concessionaire at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport, Ayuyu is thinking of opening a small store at the airport.

"At any given time there are 800 to 900 people working there. To top it off you also have the tourists, who sometimes have to wait for hours and hours before getting a flight or coming out," he said.

Another source of strength for Ayuyu is the support of his family and employees, some of whom have been with the company for 20 years.

Ayuyu is married to Marcia and the couple has four children: Joe Jr., Mable, Ashley, and Maria.

Joe Jr. is Ayuyu's heir apparent and recently graduated from Hamburger University. He is the manager of McDonald's Middle Road. Mable, meanwhile, is Ayuyu's executive assistant and Ashley is the personnel director of McDonald's Guam. Maria, the youngest, is a student at Mt. Carmel School. Ayuyu also has a daughter from his first marriage, Nadia, who lives in California.

Ayuyu's ascension from  
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# \$25K grant for ground maintenance equipment

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded a \$25,000 grant directly from its national office in Washington, D.C. to the Office of the Governor under their USDA Rural Development

Community Facilities Grant Program.

Joseph Diego, USDA Area II regional director of Guam, announced the highly competitive grant award to the CNMI

in late October.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, the main purpose of the grant was to acquire much needed ground maintenance equipment to the

four CNMI municipalities for DLNR's Division of Parks & Recreation, DPW's Roads and Grounds Division, and the Office of the Governor.

The additional equipment

includes 50 brush cutters, trimmer lines, fuel containers, coveralls, and face shields.

Torres said these items will further assist with ground maintenance through the respective mayors of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

"The beautification of the islands is paramount to strengthening our tourism industry and protecting our environment. These agencies will receive much needed resources to assist in keeping our islands well-maintained for the safety of our communities. I express my gratitude to the Office of Grants Management for seeking and obtaining the grant for the Commonwealth and for the continued assistance provided by USDA regional director of Guam Joseph Diego to address the needs of our

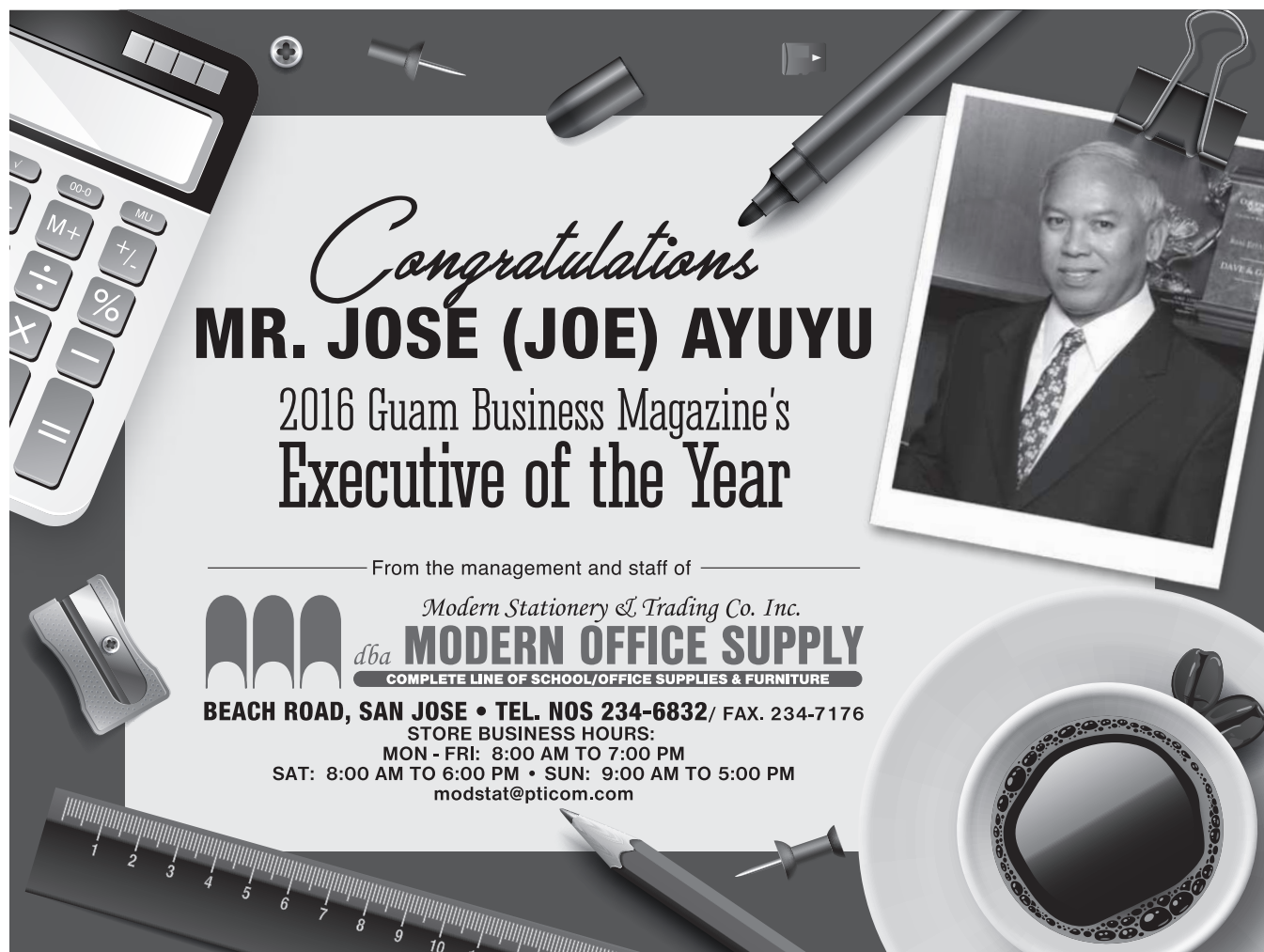
community," Torres said.

Parks & Recreation director Eliceo D. Cabrera gave appreciation for the additional equipment, saying that ground maintenance is crucial to its operations.

"We constantly buy new equipment and make needed repairs on older models. This grant will definitely alleviate the costs of repairs and rejuvenate our current fleet, improve our operations efficiency, and we are extremely grateful for it," Cabrera said.

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas emphasized the beautification efforts for the Municipality of Tinian and extended his appreciation to the USDA Rural Development offices in Guam and in Washington, D.C.

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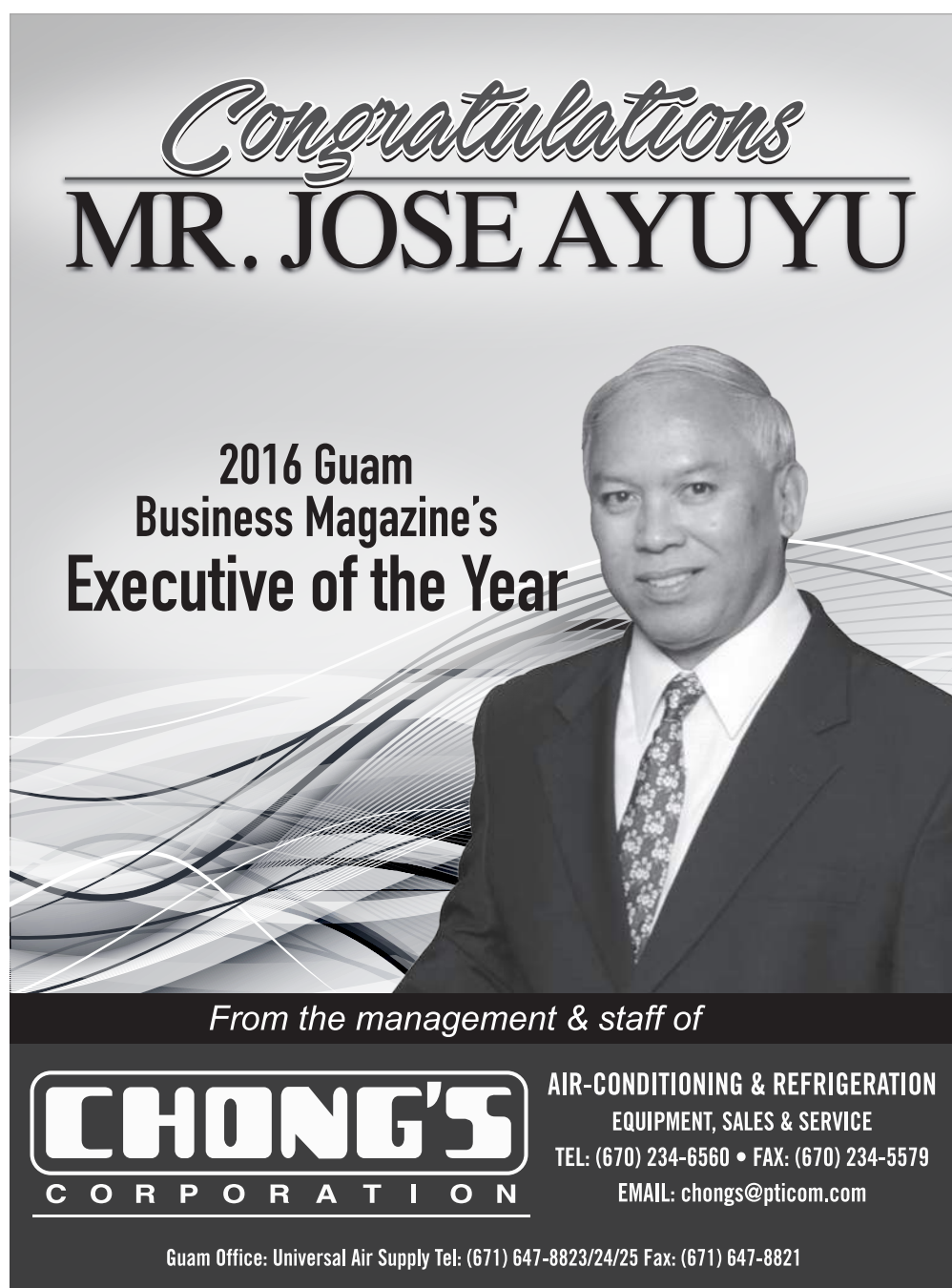
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simple beginnings to now the franchise owner of eight—soon to be nine—McDonald's stores in Guam and Saipan can be summed up when he was approached by one of the previous winners of the Executive of the Year award during the annual gala last week at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

"He came up to me and said 'welcome to the big leagues. Now you're no longer a small potato. You're now part of the big leagues,'" recounted Ayuyu with a bit of amazement since he knows he's been playing in the big leagues since overcoming his humble beginnings in Chalan Kanoa.



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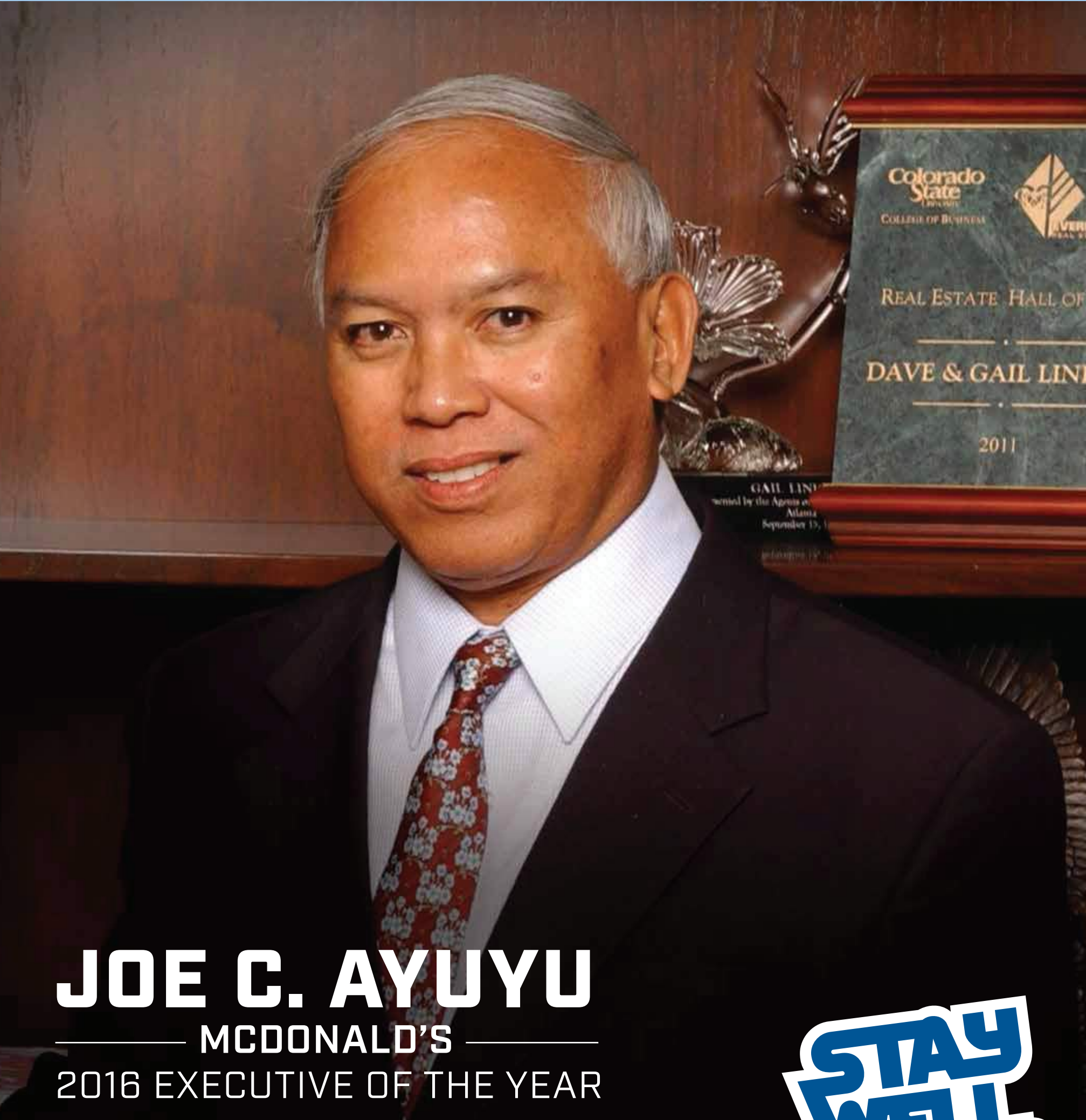
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"USDA continues to be very instrumental and supportive in assisting the CNMI with various funding assistance available under the USDA grant programs. The ground maintenance equipment will be used to beautify our surrounding parks, pavilion areas, and roadsides on Tinian for our tourists and residents," San Nicolas said.

Expressing appreciation for previous grant awards and assistance from USDA, Epiphany E. Cabrera Jr., administrator for the Office of Grants Management, stated that maintenance equipment accounts for a noticeable portion of funding in certain department budgets.

"We are quite fortunate because Washington decided to award the grant after the region

had depleted much of its grant funding for the year. Through the diligent work with our regional office out of Guam, this award will now alleviate costs and help these departments run more efficiently," Cabrera said, adding that the Commonwealth anticipates more funding to come from USDA in the near future. **(PR)**

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Personnel from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works, and the Saipan Mayor's Office welcome the arrival of the new ground maintenance equipment. Third from right is Office of Grants Management Administrator Epi Cabrera and, fifth from right, Anthony Barcinas of USDA Area II of Guam.



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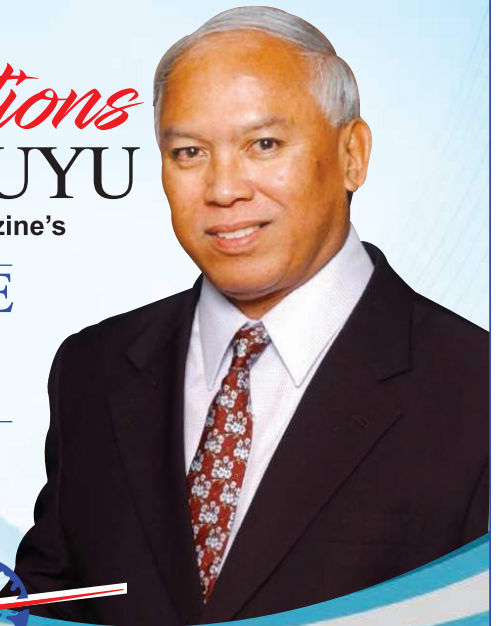
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## Atkins Kroll donates trucks to Red Cross

**SAN JOSE, Saipan**—Atkins Kroll announced yesterday the donation of three Tacoma pickup trucks to the American Red Cross, CNMI chapter.

In 2014, as part of Atkins Kroll's centennial celebration, Toyota Motor Corp. and Atkins Kroll donated three 2015 Toyota Tacoma Pre-Runner double cab pickup trucks on a two-year lease. The lease agreement also included routine maintenance for each vehicle.

The lease agreement expired in December and Atkins Kroll again donated the ownership of the vehicles to the Red Cross.

According to Kelly Blue Book, an automotive research and vehicle valuation specialist, the resale value for each truck is in excess of \$28,000. Atkins Kroll's total vehicle donation is valued at \$84,000.

The key to one Tacoma pickup truck was presented to Red Cross CNMI Chapter execu-

tive director John Hirsch by AK Saipan vice president and general manager Doug Brennan.

Earlier on Jan. 13, 2017, AK president Des Graham handed over the keys for the two Tacoma pickup trucks to executive director Chita Blaise. "We are really pleased that we can assist with the mission of the Red Cross both in Guam and Saipan with these work trucks," said Graham.

Additionally, Atkins Kroll will also donate Service 4 Life packages for the life of the Tacoma trucks. The Red Cross will save \$775 annually in scheduled maintenance expenses as long as the Red Cross owns the Tacoma trucks.

"This is extra value for the Red Cross since we want to ensure the trucks are always in tip top shape, which means the Red Cross can always depend on these Tacomas 24 hours a day," added Graham. **(PR)**

## Camera catches ex-convict stealing bag

A man who just had a domestic violence conviction in October was arrested again on Wednesday, this time for allegedly stealing a bag that had a Canon camera worth \$821 that was on the front desk of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

The hotel's surveillance camera led to the arrest of Anthony Mendiola Palacios, 33, for theft.

Police said Palacios confessed to stealing the camera and also admitted to other thefts within Garapan. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Feb. 1 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski was appointed as counsel for Palacios. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government.

Police said that T Galleria employees had a Christmas party at the Royal Taga Hall last Dec. 9 and one staff forgot the camera at the venue. Hotel employees cleaning up the ballroom later found the bag

with the camera and turned it over to the front desk. The supervisor tagged the bag and left it under the front desk counter.

On Dec. 12, G4S Security called the police to report the theft incident. The surveillance camera showed that on Dec. 10 at 7:30am, a man, later identified as Palacios, walked up to the front desk, used the phone, pulled out the bag, and walked out of the lobby.

Police reviewed a copy of the surveillance video last Jan. 16 and confirmed it was Palacios in the footage.

In an interview with police on Jan. 17 at the DPS Commonwealth Investigation Bureau, Palacios allegedly confessed to the crime.

Last Oct. 26, Palacios pleaded guilty to assault and battery for beating up his girlfriend in Garapan in September 2015. He was sentenced to one year in prison, all suspended except for 18 days, with credit for 18 days of time served. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## High surf seen today

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, large northeast trade-wind swell and northwest swell generated by strong winds behind a north Pacific cold front will maintain hazardous surf for the Marianas the next couple days.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am Saturday. Surf is currently hazardous at 9 to 12 feet along west, north, and northeast facing reefs. Surf will begin to subside tonight, Friday night, and could fall below hazardous levels Saturday morning. Surf will be slower to fall

along northeast facing coasts.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am Saturday.

Fresh to strong winds of 20 to 25 knots with near gale gusts are expected through Friday then will gradually decrease Friday night and Saturday. Combined seas of 11 to 13 feet will remain hazardous through Friday before subsiding Friday night or Saturday.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. Avoid venturing near reefs along exposed beaches, especially west, north and northeast facing where there will be a high risk of life threatening rip currents. **(EOC)**

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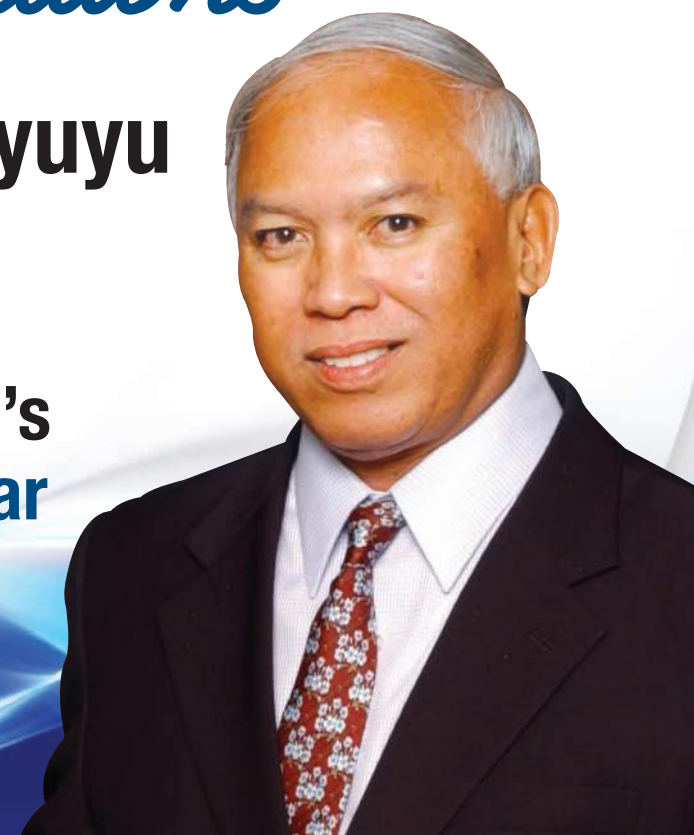
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# House panel chairs name members

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

The chairmen of seven of the 11 House committees have released the composition of their respective groups. All 15 GOP members were given key positions under the leadership of House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan).

Each committee will consist of not more than seven members.

Rep. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. (R-Saipan), who is among six new lawmakers in the House, heads the Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee, with Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) as vice chair. Rep. JP Sablan (R-Saipan), and Saipan independents Reps. Blas Jonathan T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, and Vinson F. Sablan are members.

Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) will head the newly established Gaming Committee. Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (R-Tinian) is the vice chair. Attao, Angel A. Demapan, Reps. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), and minority leader Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) are members.

Rep. Jose I. Itibus (R-Saipan) is the Health and Welfare Committee chair; Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan) is vice chair. Former vice speaker Francisco S. Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Reps. Greg Sablan, Donald C. Barcinas (R-Saipan), Alice S. Igitol (R-Saipan), and Vinson F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) are members.

Blanco chairs the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee and will be joined by House floor leader

Glenn L. Maratita (R-Rota), JP Sablan (vice chair), Reps. Aldan, Attao, Villagomez, and Francisco C. Aguon (R-Saipan) as members.

Dela Cruz will head the Public Utilities and Communications Committee with Aguon as vice chair. Guerrero, Itibus, Aldan, and Attao are members.

Aguon will be the Social and Human Services Committee chair and will be joined by Joseph Deleon Guerrero as vice chair. Dela Cruz, Attao, Itibus, Igitol, and Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero are members.

Barcinas will chair the Transportation Committee. Aguon will have his second committee as vice chair, with Aldan, Attao, Dela Cruz, Itibus, and Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero as members.

Angel Demapan is the new Ways and Means Commit-

tee chair and, per rules of the House, will be joined by all the committee chairs and the minority leader as members. The composition of the Commerce and Tourism (Guerrero), Education (Aldan), and Natural Resources (Igitol) committees have not yet been released.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation also held its organizational session on Wednesday at the House chamber on Capital Hill. Rep. John Paul P. Sablan retained his post as delegation chair.

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) is SNILD vice chair, with former House speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) as floor leader. Reps. Alicia Leon Guerrero and Pedro O. Towai were appointed as SNILD clerk and sergeant-at-arms.

## JKPL registration for ukulele lessons start

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is now accepting registrants for its regular ukulele lessons for both beginner and intermediate classes.

Coordinator Celina C. Foreman said classes would be held every Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm at JKPL's Children of our Homeland Library.

The classes are open to children at least 8 years old as well as adults. Cost for the lessons is \$50 for all eight hours of instruction. The starting date for the lessons would be announced later.

Students must also provide their own ukuleles

and a folder to hold music sheets. Plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are recommended.

Parents and guardians also need to secure a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children and must adhere to JKPL policies and procedures.

Deadline to register is on Feb. 4. JKPL's ukulele classes have a minimum enrollment of 15 students and maximum of 40.


For more information, visit your Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe or call 235-7316 or 235-7322-23, fax 235-7550.

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# Happy Lunar New Year!

**T**he Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival as it's been called since the 20th century, remains the most important social and economic holiday in China. Originally tied to the lunar-solar Chinese calendar, the holiday was a time to honor household and heaven-

ly deities as well as ancestors. It was also a time to bring family together for feasting. With the popular adoption in China of the Western calendar in 1912, the Chinese joined in celebrating January 1 as New Year's Day. China, however, continues to celebrate the traditional Chinese New Year, although in a shorter version with a new name—the Spring Festival. Significantly, younger generations

of Chinese now observe the holiday in a very different manner from their ancestors. For some young people, the holiday has evolved from an opportunity to renew family ties to a chance for relaxation from work.

## THE ANCIENT CHINESE CALENDAR

The ancient Chinese calendar, on which the Chinese New Year is based, functioned as a

religious, dynastic and social guide. Oracle bones inscribed with astronomical records indicate that it existed at least as early as 14th century B.C., when the Shang Dynasty was in power. The calendar's structure wasn't static: It was reset according to which emperor held power and varied in use according to region.

The Chinese calendar was a complex timepiece. Its parameters were set according to



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This year is a Rooster year, with symbols and display of the sign expected to be used

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13	9922 (EMPRESS INC)	11:15 PM	35	ISHOP (PASEO)	05:35 PM
14	HYATT REGENCY	11:30 AM	36	CHAMORRO HOUSE (PASEO)	05:40 PM
15	CANTON RESTAURANT	12:00 PM	37	I LOVE SAIPAN (PASEO)	05:45 PM
16	MAJESTY RESTAURANT	12:30 PM	38	NIKE (PASEO)	05:50 PM
17	PACIFIC GIFT SHOP (OCEAN VIEW HOTEL)	12:45 PM	39	JERRY TAN HOUSE	06:00 PM
18	PACIFIC GIFT SHOP	01:00 PM	40	HYATT REGENCY	06:30 PM
19	KANOA RESORT	02:00 PM	41	I LOVE SAIPAN	07:00 PM
20	CENTURY TOURS	02:15 PM	42	CLUB C (KANOA RESORT)	07:30 PM
21	SAIPAN ADVENTURES (CENTURY TOURS)	02:20 PM	43	DUTY FREE SHOPS/T-GALLERIA	08:00 PM
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the lunar phases as well as the solar solstices and equinoxes. Yin and yang, the opposing but complementary principles that make up a harmonious world, also ruled the calendar, as did the Chinese zodiac, the cycle of twelve stations or "signs" along the apparent path of the sun through the cosmos. Each new year was marked by the characteristics of one of the 12 zodiacal animals: the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

## THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese New Year period began in the middle of the 12th month and ended around the middle of the first month with the waxing of the full moon. Observance of the New Year period was traditionally divided into New Year's Eve and the first days of the new year.

Traditionally for the Chinese, New Year was the most important festival on the calendar. The entire attention of the household was fixed on the celebration. During this time, business life came nearly to a stop. Home and family were

the principal focuses. In preparation for the holiday, homes were thoroughly cleaned to rid them of "huiqi," or inauspicious breaths, which might have collected during the old year. Cleaning was also meant to appease the gods who would be coming down from heaven to make inspections. Ritual sacrifices of food and paper icons were offered to gods and ancestors. People posted scrolls printed with lucky messages on household gates and set off firecrackers to frighten evil spirits. Elders gave out money to children. In fact, many of the rites carried out during this period were meant to bring good luck to the household and long life to the family—particularly to the parents.

Most important was the feasting. On New Year's Eve, the extended family would join around the table for a meal that included as the last course a fish that was symbolic of abundance and therefore not meant to be eaten. In the first five days of the New Year, people ate long noodles to symbolize long life. On the 15th and final day of the

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New Year, round dumplings shaped like the full moon were shared as a sign of the family unit and of perfection.

**EVOLUTION OF SPRING FESTIVAL**

The Western-style Gregorian calendar arrived in China along with Jesuit missionaries in 1582. It began to be used by the general population by 1912, and New Year's Day

tion during the holiday—now called Spring Festival—giving people the opportunity to travel home and to celebrate the new year.

In the early 21st century, many Chinese families spent a significant amount of their discretionary income celebrating the Spring Festival with traditional symbols and food. They also spent time watching the televised

*San Francisco, California, claims its Chinese New Year parade is the biggest celebration of its kind outside of Asia. The city has hosted a Chinese New Year celebration since the Gold Rush era of the 1860s, a period of large-scale Chinese immigration to the region.*

was officially recognized as occurring on January 1. Beginning in 1949, under the rule of Chinese Communist Party leader Mao Zedong (1893–1976), the government forbade celebration of the traditional Chinese New Year and followed the Gregorian calendar in its dealings with the West. But at the end of the 20th century, Chinese leaders were more willing to accept the Chinese tradition. In 1996, China instituted a weeklong vaca-

Spring Festival Gala: an annual variety show featuring traditional and contemporary singers, dancers and magic demonstrations. Although the rites of the holiday no longer had religious value, people remained sensitive to the zodiacal animals to the extent that they considered what, for example, a year of the rat might mean for their personal fortunes or for a child born at that time.

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Traditional dancers perform during the Chinese New Year celebrations.

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Red decorations and lanterns are commonplace during New Year celebrations.





Saipan will be ringing in the Year of the Rooster on Sunday with a full day of Chinese-inspired events such as dragon dances, lion dances, performances and activities for all ages.

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ward the Spring Festival has occurred in China’s young people, with Chinese college students reporting that they

prefer surfing the Internet, sleeping, watching TV or spending time with friends to celebrating with family. They also reported not liking traditional New Year food such as dumplings and glutinous rice pastry. With its change

of name from Chinese New Year to Spring Festival, for some members of the younger generation the holiday has evolved from an opportunity to renew family ties to a chance for relaxation from work. *(History.com)*



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# 11 things to know about the Lunar New Year

By GRACE HUANG  
CNN

**I**t's that time again: Lunar New Year.

Red packets of money will change hands and dragon dances will roar through the streets as people around the world, predominately of Chinese descent, usher in the Year of the Horse.

Beyond the usual Lunar New Year traditions, however, is a holiday full of interesting quirks and customs.



## 2 Traffic is chaos

Lunar New Year is basically like having an entire country throw a family reunion—all at once.

Traffic Armageddon inevitably strikes.

In China, the Spring Festival travel rush period (chunyun) is the country's, if not the world's, biggest season of human migration.

Whether pushing their way into packed buses, buying black-market tickets from scalpers or standing for hours on a crowded train, travelers do whatever it takes to see loved ones.

With commuters and migrant workers returning home, the government expects 3.62 billion journeys to take place this year, according to Xinhua news.

In Korea last year, nearly 30 million people visited their hometowns by car, bus, train or plane, according to the Korea Expressway Corporation.



## 3 It's not just one day

Lunar New Year lasts 15 days, starting from January 31, 2014. This year its last day falls on Valentine's Day.

It's an action-packed holiday—you can bet on horse races, watch parades, bargain in bazaars and fight for prime worship spot at the temple.

## 4 It's a season of superstitions

During LNY, you live like a college student on the first day—which means no showers, laundry or cleaning.

Above all, there's no taking out the trash—doing so is said to wash away your luck and prosperity.

You hang out with family (especially in-laws) on the second day, which is considered the beginning of the year.

On the third day, visiting friends and family is frowned upon, because it's a day



prone to arguments.

On the seventh day, it's time to party in celebration of everyone's birthday.

## 1 Locals don't call it Chinese New Year

In China, the festivities are known as spring festival (春節) or Lunar New Year (農曆新年)—the new year is determined by the lunar calendar.

And the Chinese aren't the only ones who observe it.

From late January to mid-February, Korea, Vietnam and other countries celebrate Lunar New Year.



## 5 You can rent a boyfriend

Lunar New Year can be rough for singles, especially females.

Many family reunions are highlighted by dreaded interrogations of singles who haven't settled down.

Now there's a solution—boyfriend rentals.

China's largest online retailer, Taobao, has a section for fake boyfriend rentals, so parents and relatives can finally stop nagging.

Renting a bogus marriage prospect ranges from RMB 500 (\$82) to 8,000 (\$1,321) per day.

## 6 Odd linguistic customs are observed

In Parts of China, there are a few things you can and can't do over the Lunar New Year holiday—simply because of how they sound.

Footwear purchases are off limits for the entire lunar month, as the term for shoes (haai) sounds like losing and sighing in Cantonese.

You can however, turn the



The package comes with “a free embrace, hand holding and a goodbye kiss on the cheek,” as well as a list of additional specific service charges.

According to People's Daily, dinner costs RMB 50 (\$8) an hour and a trip to the movies is RMB 30 (\$5)—double if it's a thriller.



Chinese character for luck (fu) upside down to make “dao” (which sounds like arrival) and put it on your door to bring in good fortune for the new year.


## 7 Firecrackers are for scaring away monsters

Legend says the half-dragon, half-lion monster “Nian” comes out of hiding and attacks people (especially children) during the Lunar New Year.

His weakness? Sensitive ears.

In the old days, people would light bamboo stalks on fire to frighten the monster.

Nowadays, you can watch spectacular fireworks display along the Hong Kong waterfront or play with firecrackers in a Beijing hutong.




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### 8 Red undies are critical for some

Red is associated with luck and prosperity, but it's used mainly for protective purposes.

In addition to being spooked by loud noises, "Nian" is frightened by the color red, which explains all the red you see on Lunar New Year decorations.

For those born in the Year of the Horse—turning 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96 this year -- red undergarments are a must.

Not because that pesky LNY monster has X-ray vision, but because red undies supposedly fend off misfortune in this unlucky year.

Interestingly, the Cantonese term for pants (fu) sounds exactly like the word for wealth.

### 9 It's a time for sweets

Food is central to all Chinese festivals, but sugary snacks are especially important for LNY, since they sweeten up prospects for the coming year.

Traditional holiday treats include nian gao (rice pudding), babao fan (eight treasure rice), jau goks (crispy dumplings), candied fruits and seeds.



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## 10 It has its own movie genre

China and Hong Kong have a film genre called “hesui pian” devoted to Lunar New Year. The films are usually illogical, uplifting comedies, with a focus on families and happy endings to make viewers feel warm and fuzzy. Similar to Christmas movies, really.

Holiday favorites include the “All’s Well, Ends Well” series (the 1992 classic stars Stephen Chow and Maggie Cheung), “Fat Choi Spirit” and “It’s a Mad Mad World.”

## 11 Customs are flexible

Customs and superstitions aren’t set in stone.

There’s room for flexibility in interpretation and application.

Banning shoes for the entire lunar month?

That depends on how you read the rules—the word for shoe might sound like sighing, but it also sounds like harmony (hexie).

Not showering for the sake of Lunar New Year?

Many pass on that for obvi-



ous hygienic reasons.

In the end, Lunar New Year is really about having a great

time with family and friends, so many opt not to sweat the details.

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# What the Year of the Rooster has in store for you

2017 Chinese New Year is arriving on Jan. 28, 2017. That is the 4714th Chinese year. The zodiac sign of 2017 is Chicken or Rooster. According to the Chinese Horoscope calendar, 2017 is the Female Fire Chicken year. Red is connected to the fire. Therefore, 2017 is also called the year of the Red Chicken or Red Fire Chicken.

According to the Chinese Horoscope theory, Chicken is a Female Metal. Female Metal is related to gold, precious gem or jewelry. That means Chicken implies luxury, beauty, and wealth. Red Fire of 2017 is related to the light bulb. When the light comes on the top of jewelry, Chicken can show more value from its outlook. That implies we will deal with financial events in the year of the Chicken.

Chicken is the 10th animal in 12 zodiac signs. Chicken is connected to the season of autumn. It's the fall harvest time. Therefore, Chicken is also connected to the fruit. People should have relaxing or joyful time while enjoying the fruit. That means we can have a good time after diligence in the cycle of Chicken.

**RAT**  
1912, 1924, 1936,  
1948, 1960, 1972,  
1984, 1996, 2008 are  
Years of Rat



When Rat meets Chicken, the sign is of water in the lake or being in a room.

**Career:** Your career luck is good. All companies would like to hire a worker like you. You can focus on your current job for a while. If you're looking for a job, then somebody will appear to guide you to get employment. But you should first earn more skills and knowledge that are job related. This way, when the opportunity appears, you will be ready. If you encounter career trouble, then people around you will be happy to help you.

**Job Change:** You will probably focus on your daily work. However, your current job may have too many limitations, and you may not be able to present your talent and skills. If you have a chance to apply to a job in a different company, then you should try it and work in a different environment. If you have a career promotion opportunity, then you should accept it. However, the

job opportunity won't automatically come to you. You will need to look for it. If you are doing the same job every day, then it is a good idea to look for new job responsibilities in the company.

**Wealth:** Fire represents Money to Rat. You don't have a strong money sign now. Therefore, don't loan any money to friends or relatives. Don't put too much money into risky investments. That money might go to a deep hole, and you'll have great difficulty getting it back. It's safer to invest in the real estate housing market.

**Love:** Your social relationships are good. But there is a lonely sign. If you are looking for love, then the first thing you should do is attend social activities. You can ask your mentors, parents, or older friends to help you to find a potential match. Remember not to exclude persons who are much older than you. If you are in love, then your love relationship will settle down. If you are married, then your love will focus on your family.

**Social Circle:** Your social relationships are pretty good. People who care about you will appear often to give you good compliments. You will need to increase your social life to build better relationships. It's very important that you attend more

outdoor activities. Sunshine can bring you a positive mind. This will help you to develop your social relationships, bring you good money and career luck.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you should be able to get help. However, you have limited knowledge in law, so you will lose the case. Ultimately, you will lose your reputation. It's better to just avoid the argument in the first place.

**Health:** You will be take care your health well. Rat is related to cold water. You should do outdoor exercises under the sun to warm up your body and soul. Walking, jogging, hiking, and biking are all good for you. Pay attention to your legs, lungs, kidneys, and the urinary system.

**General Fortune:** There's a sign of missed social activities. Since Chicken brings you a comfortable life, you might become sloppy, lazy, addicted to bad habits, and stay home too long. To bring in good fortune, we must build good social relationships by attending activities

outside.

**COW**  
1913, 1925, 1937,  
1949, 1961, 1973,  
1985, 1997, 2009 are  
Years of Cow



When Cow meets Chicken, is time to harvest treasures and trophies and to bring them into storage.

**Career:** In Chinese astrology, Wood represents career to you. There is no Wood in Chicken. Therefore, we won't focus too much on your career's future. But you will have good social relationships in the cycle of Chicken. Being around the right people will bring you a good reputation. Everything will come as expected. As long as you can keep up your diligent and hardworking attitude, you will receive the rewards in the end.

**Job Change:** If you are planning to look for a new career challenge, then it is not a good idea during this time. Because harvest time is coming, you will need to rethink your timing. If a company has already offered you a job, you can consider accepting the position in the spring or summer.

**Wealth:** The money luck is excellent. In Chinese astrology, Chicken is Female Metal which is like jewelry or precious metals. Cow and Chicken together have attraction relationship into Metal. That means Chicken will bring many money opportunities to you. But these aren't windfall opportunities, as they all require your energy and time.

**Love:** Your love relationship is excellent. If you are single, then a good match will appear. Both of you will attract each other. You will have a very good and happy time. If you are looking for love, you should attend more social activities. If you are in love, then you will have a deeper relationship with your lover. It looks that you will spend too much time building your love relationship.

**Social Circle:** Your social relationships are great. You should attend more social events to meet new people. Don't give yourself excuses and be too conservative. Otherwise, you will lose opportunities in love, money and/or career development.

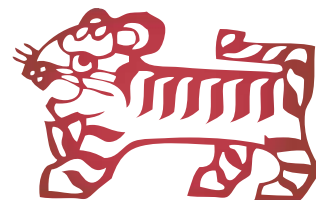
**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then it's best to compromise with that person. Otherwise, the dispute will last for a long time.

**Health:** You should have a pleasurable mood most of the time. Your health should be in good condition. But you still need to do regular or at least annual physical examinations. If you get sick, it will last for a while.

Chicken is related to unhealthy air, tumor, and uneasily digestible foods. Therefore, pay attention to the stomach, spleen, throat, lungs, and the respiratory system.

**General Fortune:** Everything will go smoothly, and will bring you a good result. But you might be too conservative. You might be setting too many limits for your goal.

**TIGER**  
1914, 1926, 1938,  
1950, 1962, 1974,  
1986, 1998, 2010  
are Years of Tiger



In order to win rewards, Tiger must aim for the target and take action on the right moment.

**Career:** Your career luck is good. Tiger is in the Wood group and Chicken is in the Metal group. Metal is the career star to you. That means a career opportunity coming toward you. But you will encounter a little challenge and you will need to take some time to overcome it. Improving your communication skills will help you with your career development, and bringing up your working spirit and enthusiasm will help you conquer challenges.

**Job Change:** Chicken is your career star. Your career luck is good. Basically, if a company offers you a job, then you should take it. But be careful on the timing. If it's close to harvest time in your current job, then you should consider a delaying any kind of relocation. Bring out your working passion, and you should be able to handle any challenges.

**Wealth:** The money luck looks good. The harvest will come in the fall. Chicken is related to the season of autumn. Tiger is related to the season of spring. Constant hard work is required for at least two seasons to see results. If you want a business and plan to expand it, then you need to know that a new business line is a long term project. ➤



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**Love:** The love relationship is great. Chicken is Female Metal. Besides containing Wood, Tiger also contains Male Fire. Male Fire and Female Metal together have a strong attraction relationship. Chicken is related to the husband or boyfriend star to Tiger. If you are a woman and looking for love, you have good opportunity to meet the man you have been waiting for. If you are a woman and are in love, then you will spend lots of time with your lover. You will appreciate this perfect match relationship.

If you are a man and are looking for love, then you will need patience for a love relationship. You just need to spend more time accompanying the girl you like and build the friendship first. You need to provide protection, not pressure. The sign is a man winning a woman's heart with patience. This means a good ending will happen.

**Social Circle:** Chicken brings good fortune in money and career luck. But Chicken won't be there all the time. You should take advantage of your good luck while you have it to build good social relationships. You should provide support and care to the people around you. When your business or career needs people or advice in the future, then your help will be available.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument or lawsuit with someone, then having negotiations should be your first action. If you are justified you will win, but it will take a long time.

**Health:** Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for any issues with dizziness, migraines, vision, throat, lungs, and other respiratory system problems.

Chicken is related to uneasily digested foods. Therefore, pay attention to the stomach, spleen, tumor, and intestines. If a serious chronic disease is present, then go to outside under the sun often.

**General Fortune:** The sign of the fortune is a tree covered with fruit. But you need to spend time and energy on watering, soiling, pruning, and fertilizing first.

## RABBIT

1915, 1927, 1939,  
1951, 1963, 1975,  
1987, 1999, 2011  
are Years of Rabbit



When Rabbit meets Chicken, Rabbit feels the extreme pressure of opportunities from Chicken. Rabbit should take a break when it reaches its goal.

**Career:** Chicken is the career star to Rabbit. Your career opportunity will appear, but it is full of pressure. Therefore, you have to

carefully measure your ability, energy, and time before taking any job opportunity coming to you. Gaining new professional knowledge or job skills is a good approach to build a stronger confidence and relieve any job pressures. It's OK to be a little conservative in your attitude.

**Job Change:** If a company offers you a new position, then you should pass this opportunity. To keep the current position is a better decision. New position will bring you lots of pressure, and the pressure won't make it worth it. Another option is to negotiate and postpone the starting time of the new position. You should take the new job then, when you are completely prepared.

**Wealth:** Your hard work in the spring will bring good results in the fall. That means your money luck is good, but not from windfall. When you receive rewards, do not reinvest money into the same source. It will be better take the money out and start a new investment.

**Love:** Rabbit and Chicken have a fighting relationship. They have difficulty trusting each other. The social relationship and love relationship are poor.

If you are looking for love, then you can ask help from Dog, Rat, Cow, or Snake. Chicken is the husband or boyfriend star to Rabbit. If you are a woman, you will have good chance to meet the opposite sex. If you are in love, then don't bring up any arguments with your lover.

**Social Circle:** Chicken won't bring you good social relationships. Some people out there might have different opinions or different interests than you. Don't create any disputes or conflict, otherwise you will lose.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument or lawsuit with someone, then you need negotiation to happen as soon as possible to stop the dispute. This is because you are the underdog. You will lose the case. There is a sign of money loss here.

**Health:** If your job brings you too much pressure, then your health will falter. When you have pressure from your job, you should pay attention to your arms, legs, liver, and the nervous system. Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with dizziness, migraines, throat, lungs, and other respiratory system issues. You should go outside often during sunny days. Also, go to lakes, riverside, or beach to get more fresh air.

**General Fortune:** The achievement will come after your hard work. You can leave the lime-light after winning merit and can take a rest after the celebration.

## DRAGON

916, 1928, 1940,  
1952, 1964, 1976,  
1988, 2000, 2012  
are Years of Dragon

When Dragon meets Chicken, Dragon shouldn't miss the promising opportunity it brings.

**Career:** Dragon is a symbol of

power in China. You should have good management talent. You know how to assign tasks to the proper people to share authority and responsibility. Chicken is a team member you can trust. Chicken will bring you good ideas for your jobs. You will feel that your job is much easier without pressure. In general, your career luck is good. You will finish your project on schedule. Dedicated effort to your career will bear fruit sooner or later.

**Job Change:** If someone offers you a job in a different company, it will be a tough decision whether or not to accept the position. Your social relationships are good. If the new position is challenging, the people around you will help you. But Dragon and Chicken have attraction relationship into Metal. Metal is strong. Wood represents Dragon's job. Metal brings pressure on Wood. That implies that the new job position is under pressure. It might be shaky and unstable. If you think you are well-prepared, then you can accept the challenge.

**Wealth:** Your money luck is good. But your luck relies on your ideas, creativity, discovery, and energy. You need to use your intelligence to bring in money.

You should earn money using your good people relationship. You need someone or have a good partner to give you good suggestions in financial management. This means finding an adviser or a partner can make your money investments easier. If you own your own business, then you need to build a good reputation to bring in your wealth. You can find people born in year of the Chicken to do the promotion for you.

**Love:** Dragon and Chicken have an attraction relationship into Metal. It's a very good sign for love relationship. If you are looking for love, then you should join more social activities. You should be able to meet someone you will like to chat with everyday. If you are in love, then you will develop a deeper relationship. If you are married, you will feel like you are newly in love again. Chicken will bring you a wonderful and memorable times with love.

**Social Circle:** Dragon and Chicken have an attraction relationship. Your social relationships will be wonderful. You will become very popular in your community. People will give you a very good reputation.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then it's best you negotiate with the person. Otherwise, the dispute will last for a long time.

**Health:** Chicken brings too much Metal to Dragon. You should



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unhealthy air. Watch out for any problems with dizziness, migraines, throat, lungs, and other respiratory system. You should go outside often on sunny days.

**General Fortune:** You will find a good partner. You should build a long-term relationship with your partner. A cooperative relationship can bring you a good result and joyful times.

## SNAKE

1917, 1929, 1941,  
1953, 1965, 1977,  
1989, 2001, 2013  
are Years of Snake



When Snake meets Chicken, Chicken brings you wealth, love, and a sense of achievement.

**Career:** In Chinese Five Element theory, Snake contains Male Fire and Chicken is Female Metal. Female Metal and Male Fire have an attraction relationship into Water. Water is the career star to Snake. If Snake and Chicken can work together, it will mean that Snake will have very good career luck. It also implies that Chicken's appearance can bring money and career opportunities to Snake. This cooperation can help Chicken's career development too.

**Job Change:** If a job or promotion opportunity is comes to you, then you have to consider how much energy and enthusiasm you have for the new position. If you are excited for the new position and your spirit is ready, then you can take the position. Otherwise, you can still wait for the next opportunity.

**Wealth:** In the Chinese Five Ele-

ments theory, Snake contains mainly Fire. Chicken is Metal. Snake is the career star to Chicken. Chicken is the money star to Snake. Since Snake and Chicken have an attraction relationship into metal, your money luck will be good. But your passion to pursue wealth might not be constant.

**Love:** Snake and Chicken have an attraction relationship into Metal. Basically, your love affair will appear during the cycle of Chicken. During the cycle of Chicken, you will spend lots of time on your love relationship. But sometimes you might feel uncomfortable with a relationship that is too close. If you cannot manage well, then you will feel you are entangling in the relationship.

If you are single, then this is a good time to find your match. If you are a man, then you will have an increased chance to meet women. If you are in love, then you will have a deeper love relationship.

Sometimes you will feel lovesick. If you are married, you will need to give your spouse more care, yielding, and patience.

**Social Circle:** Since Snake and Chicken are attracted each other. Your social relationships will be good. Social relationships can help with your fame, wealth, and career opportunities. But in order for that to happen, you need to upkeep your social life. Keep in touch with your friends to maintain connections. You can express your thoughtful, hospitable, and generous attitude to others. However, watch yourself and don't take advantage of your friends. Otherwise, a serious argument is still possible.

**Quarrel:** You have better not have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone. If you have argument, dispute or lawsuit with someone, then you probably will lose the case. That's because you handle the event with emotion. Also the dispute will last for a while.

**Health:** Your health will be related to Fire or Metal. The characteristics of Fire in Snake might be impacted because of the attraction relationship between Snake and Chicken. The Fire is related to your vision and the cardiovascular system. Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with dizziness, migraines, throat, lung, and other parts of the respiratory system.

**General Fortune:** Chicken will bring you good fortune in your fame, money, and career. But you might not be able to handle love relationship that well.

## HORSE

1918, 1930, 1942,  
1954, 1966, 1978,  
1990, 2002, 2014 are  
Years of Horse



When Horse meets Chicken, Horse can reach its achievement after diligence.

**Career:** Your career luck is pretty good. Chicken is connected to the season of fall, the time of harvest. As long as you continue to be passionate about your career and continuously set higher goals for yourself and achieve them, success will wait for you. Your career will bring you good income.

**Job Change:** Your career luck is good. If a company offers you a new position, then you should accept the challenge and take the position. Horse needs to run and compete. They will see victory.

**Wealth:** Chicken is related to gold, gems, and jewelry. Therefore, Chicken represents your money. You might have a salary raise from your job. You might also have a

good investment return. You will enjoy more luxurious life at the end of Chicken cycle.

**Love:** Horse runs faster than Chicken. If you are looking for love, then you will find your love, but only if you put effort into it. You will have great time by simply attending more social events. If you are male, you have very good chances to meet women. Your relationship will leave you with memorable times. If you are in love, then your relationship will be solid, but you still need to avoid small quarrels.

**Social Circle:** Horse likes competition and leadership. People around you might feel pressure from you. But, that's not a big problem for your social relationships. The problem is both Horse and Chicken are popular in social circles. This means that sometimes you may meet challenges and opposition from Chicken. Therefore, you need to watch people's reactions. If you want to win the reputation, you need to watch out your behaviors in public. If you are a female, then you need to watch your speech to avoid fighting with another girl.

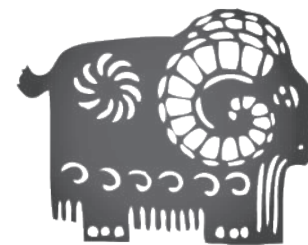
**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you have good chance to win the case. If the argument involves money, then you can get some money back. It's better not to dispute with others. Otherwise, it just wastes your energy and time.

**Health:** Horse is Fire and Chicken is Metal. Metal is afraid of Fire. Metal related to body organs might be damaged. Chicken Metal is also related to lung, unhealthy air. Therefore, you need to watch out for problem with dizziness, migraines, throat, lung, and other respiratory system issues.

**General Fortune:** Your fame, wealth, and career will come together. But remember the phrase: "Sow much, reap much. Sow little, reap little." Keep working hard!

## SHEEP

1919, 1931, 1943,  
1955, 1967, 1979,  
1991, 2003, 2015 are  
Years of Sheep



When Sheep meets Chicken, the hardworking Sheep can bring treasures home.

**Career:** Chicken is connected to the season of fall. That's the time of harvest. Chicken is bearing fruit. As long as you continue to be passionate about your career and continue to set higher career goals, success will come after. Metal is related to money to you. Your career luck will bring you good income.

**Job Change:** The career luck is good. If you have a promotion opportunity or if a company offers

you a new position, you can accept the challenge and take the new position. If you are doing a routine job in the company, then it's time to find a new job.

**Wealth:** Your money luck is good. Chicken is connected to metal, gold, jewelry, or precious gems. If you want to conquer Chicken, you need to use Fire. Sheep contains mainly Earth, but also contains some Fire. That means you will have ability to win the treasures from Chicken and place them into your pocket. But your Fire is not too strong, so you need spend more energy and time to bring the money home.

**Love:** There is no special love relationship between Sheep and Chicken. However, they don't have a problem standing side by side. Chicken is connected to jewelry, precious gems, and beauty. Chicken's elegant demeanor should be able to attract people.

If you are looking for love, you will have the opportunity to find someone. It's important that you don't put too much pressure on a potential partner. If you are in love, it's suitable to keep and maintain the current relationship. However, if you want to ask for a deeper relationship, you will need to wait for the right moment. If you are married, then you should focus on your career and bring home extra income.

**Social Circle:** There is room to improve your social relationships. You will often meet people related to Chicken's personality. You are versatile and generous, and know how to become a favorite person. You are very confident in your social groups. However, some people might want to keep a certain distance from you because of your aggressive attitude. Don't push people or force them to do what you want, as it might hurt your friendships.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you will win the case eventually. However, it will not be an easy task. You will need to spend lots of effort to collect evidence. It's better to negotiate with the opposite party and focus your energy on somewhere else. If you have trouble finding help, then you can look for Tiger. Sheep and Chicken have different relationships with Tiger. Tiger can settle the dispute between Sheep and Chicken.

**Health:** Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with dizziness, migraines, vision, throat, lung, and other respiratory system issues. It's a good idea to often go to lakes, riverside, or to the beach to get more fresh air.

**General Fortune:** Your versatile talents will help you bring good fortune in fame, wealth, and career. However, there is no reaping without sowing. Sheep is July of the summer. Chicken is September of the fall. Sheep is the sweating time. Sheep will have to work hard before reaching



*Gong Xi Fa Cai*  
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a Happy,  
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Chicken's joyful time.

## **MONKEY** 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 are Years of Monkey



When Monkey meets Chicken, the sign is fruits becoming ripe, and the fruits will be ready for harvesting soon.

**Career:** Your career luck is pretty good. Though you've been pushing and working hard in your career, you haven't reached your goal yet. However, you can accomplish your aim with diligence.

**Job Change:** The career luck is good. There is a possibility coming to you that has an increase of power in your job position. If you have a promotion or a company offers you a new position, then you can accept the challenge and take the position. If you are doing a routine job in the company, then it's time to find a new job.

**Wealth:** With diligence, you will have good money luck in the near future. If you look for extra income, you might encounter a little competition. If you have the confidence to handle the money opportunity alone, then you will get what you want. If you are not sure if you can handle the big money opportunity by yourself, then you can ask your competitor to work with you as a partner and manage the opportunity together.

**Love:** Monkey and Chicken don't have a strong love relationship. If you are looking for love, then you will see competitors out there. However, they shouldn't be your equal. If you are in love, then you need some patience before pursuing a deeper relationship. Do not push your lover to give you more love and time. Just maintaining the current relationship in its current good shape is good enough. If you are married, then focus on your career or money investments.

**Social Circle:** You will be active with your social life and have more chances to connect with people. Sometimes, your aggressive attitude will put pressure on people, and they may want to keep a certain distance from you. You need to show your caring and tender side to the people around you. Then you will become a popular figure in your group.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you will eventually win the case. But you might not receive much help, and will need to win through your own effort and diligence. It's better to negotiate with the opposite party and focus

your energy on something else.

**Health:** Your health should be fine. You will often have joyful times. Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with dizziness, migraines, vision, throat, lung, and other respiratory system issues. It's a good idea to go to lakes, riverside, or beaches often to get more fresh air.

**General Fortune:** An opportunity is coming. Good fortune will arrive. Monkey is wind and Chicken is fog. By blowing the fog away, you can see your target clearly and arrive your destination quickly.

## **CHICKEN** 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 are Years of Chicken



When Chicken meets another Chicken, this is a sign of negative thinking and self blame.

**Career:** If you are expecting a promotion, you may have a competitor. If you are working on a big project, then you will work closely with your coworkers. Chicken pursues perfection. If things go wrong, you won't complain about someone's mistakes, but will blame yourself. That implies social relationships in your career brings you pressure. If you need help in your career, you can ask assistance from Tiger. Tiger and Chicken cooperate well. Tiger can give you positive thinking and direction to accomplish your task.

**Job Change:** There is no sign showing you are ahead of the people around you. If you receive a job offer from a different company, then you should think twice before accepting the position. If you just started working for a new company, then you will feel new competition in the new working environment. A humble and polite attitude is very important to have when you are in unfamiliar territory. If you don't like this kind of challenge, then it's not a good time to move.

**Wealth:** Your money luck is good. But it requires a lot of energy and a hardworking spirit. People around you are also all looking for the opportunity to make money. All risky investments won't be good to you. If someone asks you for a big return investment, then it's better to skip it. If someone asks for a loan from you, then you won't get it back soon. Any money investment done must be conservative during the Chicken years.

**Love:** There is no strong love relationship sign. If you are looking for your love, then you will see strong competition. However, if you meet with people who were born in Cow, Dragon, or Snake years, you will have a better opportunity ➤



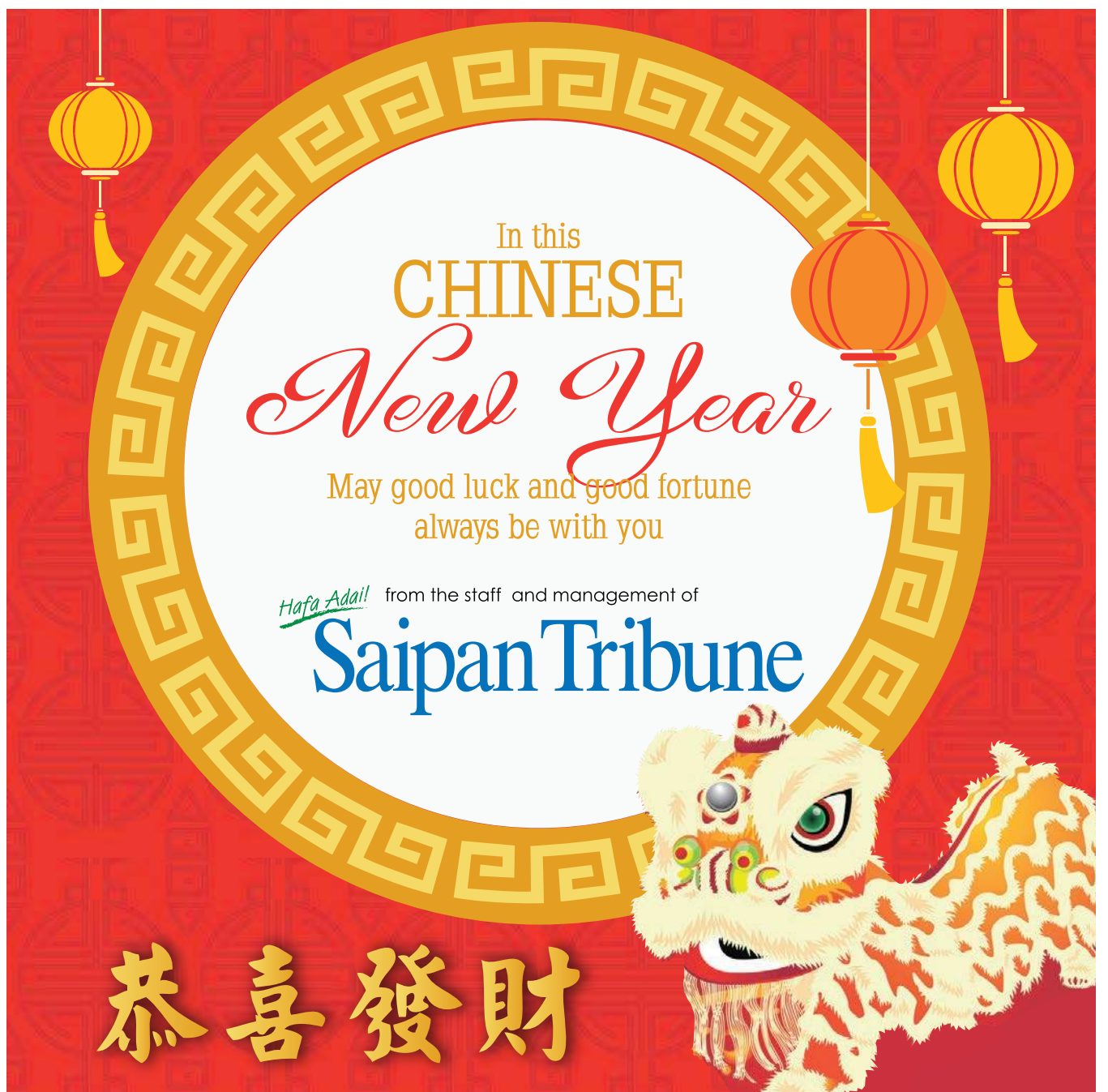
A new year, a new start,  
a new chapter,  
a new beginning,  
have a blessed  
new year ahead.



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to build relationships. If you are in love, then you and your lover may often insist on your own opinions. People born in the Snake year can act as a good mediator for both of you. If your relationship is shaky, you may end up blaming yourself and it will bring down your spirit and confidence.

**Social Circle:** You will have more your social activities during the cycle of Chicken. You should show your etiquette in public, offer favors to people and yield your opportunities to friends. Being polite and humble, you will become a popular figure in your social networks.

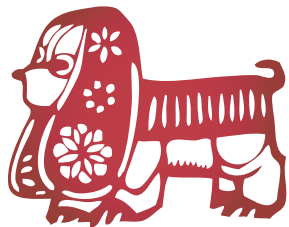
**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you better negotiate with your opponent. This sign shows an opposition that is truly equal. It will take time in order to deal with this incident. It will be hard for you to win this case. A quick truce for peace is a good approach for this situation.

**Health:** The air quality is very important to your health. Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with dizziness, nose, bronchus, throat, lung, and other respiratory system issues. You should go to lakes, riverside, or beaches often during sunny days. If you feel unusual pain or sickness, it's best to have a close examination to make sure it's nothing tumor related.

**General Fortune:** If you accept challenges, face the competition, and strive for your goal, then a good result will come after.

## DOG

1922, 1934, 1946,  
1958, 1970, 1982,  
1994, 2006 are Years  
of Dog



When Dog meets Chicken, Dog will happily receive its wealth and make donations.

**Career:** Wood is connected to Dog's career. There is no strong career sign in Chicken. But Chicken brings money-making opportunity to you. Dog is a mountain. Chicken is also connected to fog. When fog flows into the mountains, it will stop and stay in the valley. The long-lasting fog will bewilder the mountain. That means Chicken will confuse you, and it may be difficult to prioritize and make decisions. If you are already busy in your current position, then don't volunteer to take on more responsibilities. If you are a company owner, then this is not a good time to expand your business.

**Job Change:** If you have a chance to receive a promotion or a new job offer, then you should skip the opportunity. You cannot deliver perfect results in the near future. It will take a long development cycle to see your best outstanding achievements.

**Wealth:** Water is connected

to money for Dog. Chicken brings many money-making ideas. Snake can help you to bring in extra income in the cycle of Chicken. This is because the Male Fire of Snake and the Female Metal of Chicken have an attraction relationship into Water. Using social networks well can bring you money opportunities.

The mountain of Dog can absorb water very quickly. The money opportunity won't last too long. When the opportunity disappears, you will need to wait for another cycle. Risky investment will cause money loss.

**Love:** Dog contains mainly Earth, also some Metal and Fire. Dog and Chicken have a little attraction relationship related to Metal. Therefore, they can get along well as good neighbors. But the Fire of Dog puts pressure on the Metal of Chicken. If you are looking for your love, then you must not be too aggressive when approaching new friends. If you are in love, then you need some patience to build a deeper relationship. Do not push your lover for giving you too much love and time. If you are married, then your love relationship is stable. You can focus on your career development or money investment.

**Social Circle:** Your social relationships are okay. Your new or old friends will bring you joyful moments during the Chicken cycle. But if you focus too much on your own expression or performance and forget other's feelings, then Chicken might feel pressure from you and will want to keep its distance.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you probably cannot win the case. Processing the dispute will take a long time. It's better to negotiate a truce for peace.

**Health:** Chicken is related to unhealthy air. Watch out for problems with the nose, bronchus, throat, lungs, and other respiratory system issues. You should increase outdoor activities on sunny days. You can go lakes, riverside, or beaches often to get more fresh air. If you feel any unusual pain or sickness, then you must have a close examination to make sure it's nothing tumor related.

**General Fortune:** Dog is the time after sunset. Chicken is the time of rest. Dog and Chicken together means it's a time to relax and enjoy your food and life.

## PIG

1923, 1935, 1947,  
1959, 1971, 1983,  
1995, 2007  
are Years of Pig



When Pig meets Chicken, the sign is of cold water flowing into a lake or fog appearing on the water.

**Career:** According to Chinese astrology, Earth represents your ca-

reer. There is no Earth inside Chicken. Chicken is connected to jewelry, fruits, and fog. Though you are expecting a good possible career achievement, you might be over-confident with your career performance. The fog of Chicken implies that you are a little uncertain of your career's future.

You should look for help from people born in the year of the Horse or Snake. This is because Horse and Snake contain Earth and Fire. Earth represents your career and Fire can remove the fog. The months of Horse and Snake are connected to the summer. Your career luck will be better during the summer.

**Job Change:** If a company offers you a new job opportunity, then you have to ask yourself how much passion you have for the new position. There isn't a strong career sign in the cycle of Chicken. Because of this, now is not a good time to change your working environment. Unless you have a good plan and have abundant energy to accept the challenge, it's best to stay at the same position.

**Wealth:** Fire represents money to Pig. Chicken is in the Metal group. There is no Fire in Chicken. You may feel like you have ability to earn more money. If you can show your enthusiasm and passion at work, then you will bring extra income home. Summer time is the season of Fire. Your money luck will be great during the summer.

**Love:** You need to give more of your time to care for and love the person you like. If are looking for love, you can attend more social events

on sunny days. If you are male, then you will have better chances to meet women during April, May, and June. If you are in love, then you need to show your cordial heart to build a better relationship.

**Social Circle:** Chicken is the Mother Element of Pig. Chicken will provide you care, support, and protection in public. Therefore, your social relationship should be fine. But sometimes you lack enthusiasm in your social relationships. You also might inadvertently hurt people's feelings. If you end up pressuring others, you might receive negative reputation.

**Quarrel:** If you have an argument, dispute, or lawsuit with someone, then you don't have a strong reason to convince people to stand on your side. You won't win the case. It's better to negotiate with the opposite party to bring the peace of mind back.

**Health:** Chicken is related to unhealthy air, carbon dioxide, and viruses. Watch out for problems with dizziness, tumors, throat, lung, and other respiratory issues. You can go outside often during sunny days. Chicken Metal makes Water Pig colder. You should also watch your bladder, blood, urination, and your cardiovascular system.

**General Fortune:** You have many potential opportunities. But you have to be patient. Don't rush for your own benefit without thinking of people's interests. Watch your behaviors and reputation before taking actions.

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As we welcome the  
Year of the Rooster,  
may we be guided by its  
**HONESTY**  
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to bring forth our  
Success and Happiness

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*Service Beyond The Sale...*





## IT&E extends LTE coverage, increases data speeds

IT&E announced yesterday that it has completed the installation of LTE high speed data capability at both their airport and Lower Base cellular sites.

"We are very proud that we are now able to provide even more IT&E coverage and

faster speeds to our wireless customers. Our test results... show that we are sometimes achieving download speeds approaching 100 mbps. Since our customers only need about 3 mbps to watch videos without buffering, we are sure that our wireless subscribers will

be very happy with these results," said John Compton, IT&E's chief operating officer. "These new LTE sites are just the latest ones to be installed. In 2016, we installed LTE capacity on Navy Hill, in Dandan, Chalan Laulau, Afetna, Kagman, San Roque,

and Garapan. In 2017, we will also install LTE capability in at least Tanapag, San Antonio, and a second LTE site in Dandan."

IT&E is investing millions of dollars in both its buried cable and wireless networks to provide improved internet

speeds and better overall service. These improvements include laying buried fiber optic cables around the island, connecting all cellular sites to this fiber optic network, and expanding the 4G/LTE capabilities of its wireless networks.

IT&E invested over \$6 million in the CNMI in 2016 and

has the plans to spend at least the same amount in 2017.

For more information, stop by IT&E's Chalan Lau Lau Store on Middle Road or their Garapan store inside the TSL building. Additional information is also available by calling the IT&E Customer Call Center at (670) 682-2273. **(IT&E)**

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### CUC extends final payment date at banks

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has extended the final date of accepting payment at the Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, and Bank of Saipan branches.

Payments must be made

on or before the date indicated on their Delinquency/Disconnection Notice and the amount of payment is not less than the minimum amount due on their Delinquency/Disconnection Notice.

Previously, CUC allowed the banks to accept its cus-

tomers payments no later than the due date indicated on their monthly bill. As a convenience for its customers, this change is made to allow CUC customers to be able to pay at a location most convenient for them. **(CUC)**

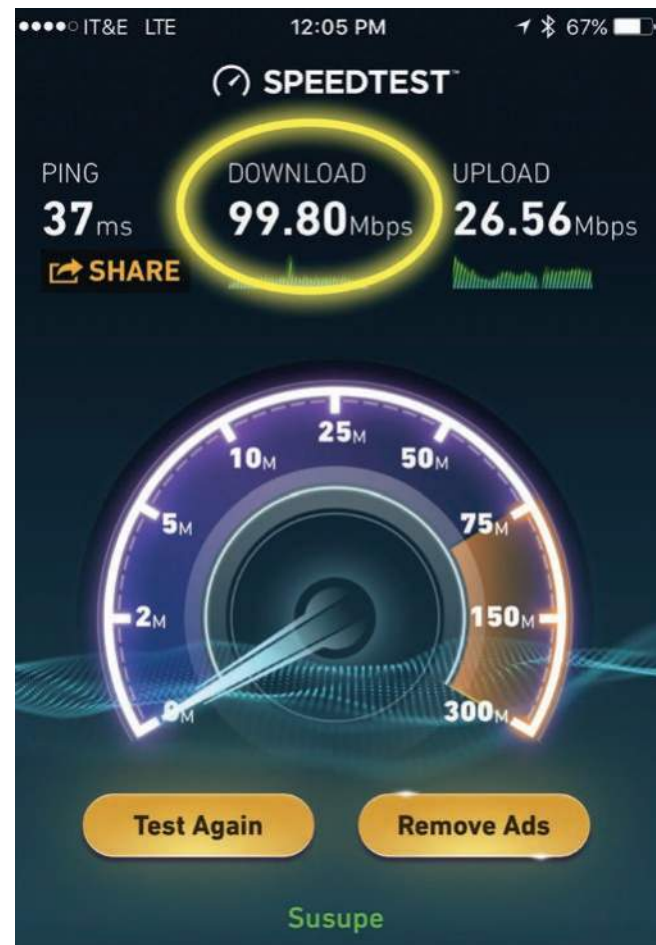
#### Water outage in Garapan, Navy Hill, Chinatown

There is currently an emergency water service interruption in the Garapan, Navy Hill and Chinatown areas due to an electrical motor failure of three high producing wells. Water operations personnel of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are currently making the necessary repairs that are expected to be completed by Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017. Water service hours will return to regular service hours soon after. **(CUC)**

#### Scheduled power

#### outage on Saturday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, from 6am to 11am to de-energize the primary lines to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely conduct distribution system maintenance through the installation of primary power poles and relocation of secondary power lines on Isa Drive on Capital Hill. This is an effort to strengthen the integrity of the distribution circuit. Areas to be affected include Capital Hill (Isa Dr., Sagua Dr., Hafno St., Mate Dr., Haat Pl., Coastal Dr., Laguna Dr., Trenchera Ln., Nonak Dr.), Sadog Tasi (Rubentasion Ln., Woosch Dr., Tide Lp., Leeset Ln., Sadog Tasi Dr., Acho Tasi Pl., Pila Dr.), and Lower Base (Lalanyok Pl., Pagu Av., Ufa Pl., Manglen Way, Lower Base Dr., Mangrove Pl.). **(CUC)**



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IT&E sometimes achieve download speeds approaching 100 mbps.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday greetings go out to Vladimir Pilipenko! Dear Vova, please receive our birthday wishes from your Saipan friends. We wish you health, let all your dreams come true, and some luck! It's so great that we have all gathered here today for your birthday!

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Happy 3rd birthday to the smartest kid we know, Zion Jay-Ross! Have a wonderful day and we hope you enjoy your party! We love you! Greetings come from Nana, Papa, RickyJay, and Mommy.

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**TOYOTA DREAM CAR ART CONTEST**

## Draw your dream, Drive the future.

Create your "Dream Car" using any standard drawing medium (coloring pencils, crayons, watercolors or markers) with the only restriction being the use of digital tools. Artwork must in an 11"(h) x 17"(w).

**ENTRY PERIOD**  
Deadline February 28, 2017

**CONTEST THEME**  
Your Dream Car

**AGE CATEGORIES**  
Under 8 years old  
8 - 11 years old  
12 - 15 years old

**THE WORLD CONTEST**  
• Award: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Finalist, Special award.  
• Prize: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Special award winners\*  
• Invitation to the award ceremony trip to Japan on August 2017.

**ENQUIRIES**  
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Administration Office of Toyota Dream Car Art Contest  
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E-mail address: glen.perez@akguam.com

For more details, please visit the website.  
[www.aksaipan.com/dreamcar](http://www.aksaipan.com/dreamcar)

**PRIZES**

- 1st Place in each Category  
- SandCastle Dinner Show
- 2nd Place in each Category  
- SandCastle Cocktail Show Tickets
- 3rd Place in each Category  
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- Award-winners will be eligible to participate in the world contest.

Special thanks to:

For details, see entry terms and conditions of the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest.



# Nominations open for businesswoman award

**MAITE, Guam**—First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* magazine are seeking nominations for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'håga* Award. Nominees must be residents of Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands.

Nominees should meet

the following criteria: a businesswoman who has made a significant difference in her industry through her organization or her business, has contributed to her community, is a leading representative of her profession or field, and displays the best qualities of one

in business.

Nominations must be submitted by Feb. 13.

The winner will be announced at the Businesswoman of the Year Gala on April 29 at the Hyatt Regency Guam. The gala is also a fundraiser for the

Businesswoman of the Year scholarship program. The scholarships, open to both full-time and part-time college students, are intended to promote higher education by providing financial assistance to University of Guam, Guam Community College,

or Northern Marianas College students pursuing professional careers in business or a related field.

The Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'håga* award recipient on Saipan is Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. (2014).

To submit a nomination, contact Joy White, assistant editor, *Guam Business* magazine at (671) 649-0883 ext. 125 or [assist\\_editor@glimpsesofguam.com](mailto:assist_editor@glimpsesofguam.com), or Barbie Jane Agahan, assistant advertising manager, First Hawaiian Bank at (671) 475-7908 or [bagahan@fhhb.com](mailto:bagahan@fhhb.com). **(PR)**



## PLATINUM SPONSOR


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Bridge Capital, LLC vice president and chief operations officer Jody Jordahl, Business Development manager Joe Guerrero, and office/HR manager Tania Fleming Mesa turn over a \$2,500 donation to the Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, making it a platinum sponsor of this weekend's 2nd Annual Timmy Would Go Classic. Bridge Capital is encouraging the community to come out and support the cause.




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From left, Bridge Capital, LLC business development manager Joe Guerrero, 2nd Annual Timmy Would Go Classic co-organizer Ponce Rasa, his daughter, and Bridge Capital office/HR manager Tania Fleming Mesa.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Announcement # JVA17-002

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will monitor and supervise participants for the CNMI Drug Court. The compliance specialist will work directly with men and women who have substance abuse additions and will report to Drug Court Manager and Court regarding participant compliance in the program. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provides assistance to the Drug Court Manager in monitoring participants;
- Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for court appearance in drug court hearing;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual drug court cases from resource areas including, as necessary, participants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc;
- Contacts public and private community resources to secure services for participants. Maintains a continuing and ongoing relationships with the agencies as necessary;
- Coordinates enforcement of drug court orders including curfews and home detention with CNMI Drug Court Probation Officer and Law Enforcement Officers;
- Maintains contact with local law enforcement agencies, Drug Court Judge, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Attorney General, employers, local social service agencies, schools and others;
- Coordinates investigations in preparation of court-ordered reports staffing and hearings;
- Maintains case records and statistical data for evaluation purposes and for submission to the Drug Court Manager;
- Attends and participates in Drug Court staffings and hearings;
- Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and other related forums;
- Follows Court policy for monitoring payments ordered by the Court. The payments to be monitored include, but are not limited to, restitution, fine, child supports, etc.;
- Works closely with Drug Court Caseworkers to support case management, coordination of services and monitoring;
- Conducts gender-specific observed drug testing in accordance with CNMI Drug Court protocols; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have obtained an associate's degree from a recognized college or university in criminal or behavioral science or related field. Have four (4) years experience in the law enforcement or other related experience. Applicant must have a professional demeanor and be able to exercise good judgment in stressful situations. The ability to maintain client confidentiality at all times is imperative. Report writing skills and case management experience would be preferred. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered. Criminal record check will be conducted. Drug test designated position. Have a valid driver's license and be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel; must be knowledgeable about the use of data systems.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$25,000 - \$28,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the OPM offices in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Imwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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This internal job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### RECORDS ASSISTANT

Announcement # JVA17-008  
Office of the Clerk of Court  
Superior Court  
SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Sort and arrange documents and files in appropriate file folders; handle reproduction of court documents and related forms; verify and issue criminal record clearances; verify and issue traffic record clearances; ensure file readiness for use in court hearings;
- Indexes records and information;
- May conduct limited research of records for information such as writs, court judgments or verification/location of other related records or information;
- Provides general reception of visitors and telephone clients by assisting them at the counter and, if necessary, routing them through proper personnel or procedures;
- Performs typing assignments as required;
- Inputs various data onto Justware case management database;
- Operates bar coding/file maintenance system;
- Assists with imaging of documents;
- Follows standard operating procedures for organization of case files and document tracking;
- May run errands for the office, including but not limited to, picking up and delivery of mail within and outside the courts; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and should have a minimum of three (3) years experience in legal, law enforcement or court work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$16,000 - \$18,000 annually.

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# United is named 'Eco-Airline of the Year'



United Airlines' Eco-Skies program represents the company's commitment to operating an environmentally friendly airline.

UNITED AIRLINES

**CHICAGO**—For the second time since launching its industry-leading Eco-Skies program, United Airlines was named the Eco-Airline of the Year by *Air Transport World* magazine.

The award recognizes an airline in global commercial aviation for its environmental leadership as demonstrated by consistent and impactful environmental action within the company and in the industry.

The magazine awarded United with the top honor for multiple initiatives in 2016 and prior years, including becoming the first U.S. airline to begin using commercial-scale volumes of sustainable aviation biofuel for regularly scheduled flights, marking a significant milestone in the industry by moving beyond demonstrations and test programs to the use of low-carbon biofuels for ongoing operations.

"Innovation and sustainability are twin engines that drive our progress as the most environmentally conscious airline in the world," said Oscar Munoz, United's chief executive officer. "From pioneering investments in biofuels to increasing efficiency and reducing waste to supporting a single global market based measure for carbon emissions, United is committed to innovating solutions that we hope will become the expectation for our industry, not the exception. And while we take great pride in this important recognition for our efforts, the measure of our success is the opinion of our children and grandchildren who will look back on our efforts and say that we lived up to our obligations to them in protecting the planet for future generations."

United's Eco-Skies program represents the compa-

ny's commitment to the environment and the actions taken every day to create a sustainable future. In addition to incorporating sustainable bio-fuel into its operations at Los Angeles International Airport, United's recent environmental achievements include:

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- Becoming the first U.S. airline to repurpose items from the carrier's international premium cabin amenity kits and partnering with Clean the World to donate hygiene products to those in critical need.

- Partnering with the Fed-

eral Aviation Administration to demonstrate the potential benefits of new satellite-based technology for instrument landings that enable aircraft to use fuel more efficiently on arrival and land at normal rates in challenging weather.

Continuing to replace its eligible ground equipment and service vehicles with cleaner, electrically powered alternatives, with 47 percent of the fleet converted to date.

Becoming the first airline to fly with Boeing's Split Scimitar winglets, which reduce fuel consumption by up to 2 percent; United is the largest Split Scimitar winglet

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Being the only U.S.-based airline named to the Carbon Disclosure Project's "Leadership" category for its environmental disclosure, with an A-Climate score in 2016.

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Additionally, as part of United's commitment to operating an environmentally friendly and responsible airline, the carrier added a carbon footprint measurement to its 2017 Global Performance Commitment. United is committing to achieving a lower gross carbon footprint than its two largest U.S.-based competitors this year, as measured by carbon dioxide-equivalent per available seat-mile. If United does not meet the goals of its 2017 Global Performance Commitment, the airline will compensate eligible corporate accounts.

For more information on United's Eco-Skies commitment to the environment, visit [www.united.com/ecoskies](http://www.united.com/ecoskies). (United)

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\* Our "Dolphin" restaurant (10th floor of Crystal Tower in Grandvrio Resort Saipan) has reopened as A-La-Carte restaurant. Welcome to enjoy fast & nice Lunch Menu (\$8~) and authentic Japanese Shabu Shabu or Sukiyaki for your dinner (\$35). "Spectacular Ocean view and Sunset!" Starting from Nov. 07, 2016, our Dolphin restaurant brings out "Daily Chef's Special Lunch" from Mon. to Fri.; everyday is different; \$12 only, 15 servings per day; First in First Out! Opening time: Everyday Lunch: 11:30am-2:00pm Last Order: 1:30pm / Dinner 5:30pm-9:00pm Last Order: 8:30pm

\* "Starlight BBQ" Dinner Buffet Location: Poolside Price: Reg. AD \$39 CH: \$19 (Local: AD \$35/CH \$17) Business hrs: 6:00-9:00pm Menu: "All you can eat & drink" - beers, red & white wine, soft drinks, oolong tea and juices. Additional Champagne for New Year!!

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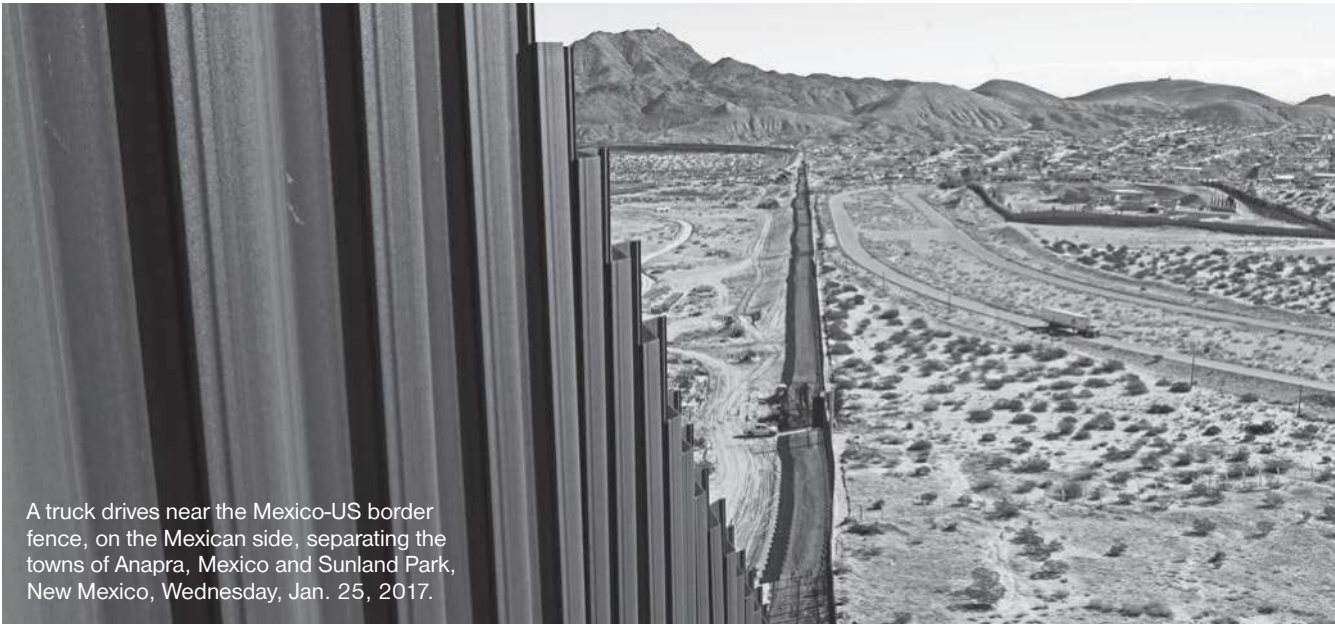


Nation


A look at border security, fencing as Trump announces wall

HOUSTON (AP)—President Donald Trump announced his long-awaited plan Wednesday to build a wall on the 1,954-mile U.S. border with Mexico, calling for its “immediate construction” to stop illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking and acts of terrorism. He is not the first president to embark on an aggressive buildup on the border. Here’s a look at what is already there:

**SEMI-FORTIFIED BORDER**  
One-third of the U.S.-Mexico border, or 653 miles, is already studded with fence in a potpourri of styles, from menacing barriers to those that can be easily hopped. The barriers arose from the Secure Fence Act passed in the last year of the George W. Bush administration. In California, the fence climbs out of the Pacific. Its



A truck drives near the Mexico-US border fence, on the Mexican side, separating the towns of Anapra, Mexico and Sunland Park, New Mexico, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017.



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**Procurement, Delivery, Training and Certification of Brand New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment For the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport**

**Project No. CPA-RFP-006-17**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and deliver brand new self-contained breathing (SCBA) equipment for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery, training and certification of equipment to each respective airport.

The equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement, delivery and certification will be based on the bidder's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the winning bidder for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

One original and four copies of all proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders responding to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the procurement, including excise tax and associated shipping costs.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery, training and certification	40%
2. Timeframe for delivery, programming, training and certification	30%
3. Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	15%
4. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	15%


Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to proposal submission date and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at [bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp).

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.


All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: January 18, 2017



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Office of the Secretary of Public Works**  
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW/FHWA-17-IFB-002**

**ISLAND WIDE EMERGENCY REPAIR, SAIPAN**

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Emergency Repair, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available in Electronic Files on January 20, 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

**Breach of Ethical Standard**

- **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. **NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 (a)**
- **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order. **NMIAC 70-30.3-725 (b)**
- **Contingent fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. **NMIAC 70-30.3-730**

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **February 08, 2017 10:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan.** The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **February 24, 2017 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid. The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-17-IFB-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, March 01, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **March 01, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 01, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **March 10, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **10:00 a.m. local time, March 15, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on March 01, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway projects, FP-03.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply

meanest stretch, three layers thick, separates San Diego from Tijuana. Half those 14 miles are topped by razor wire. In dunes to the east, a “floating fence” of 16-foot steel tubes can be raised or lowered as sands shift.

Almost all of Arizona’s border is fenced, although the deterrence effect for human-and drug smugglers is constantly questioned. Cities such as Yuma and Nogales have high fencing but stretches of the remote desert have things like posts, wire-mesh and livestock fencing that can halt vehicles but people can hop. Vehicular fencing marks most of New Mexico’s 180-mile border.

Nearly all Texas’ 1,250-mile border is fence-free, the winding Rio Grande the only barrier. The state has just 110 miles of fences and fortified concrete levees .

Mountains, rivers and other natural barriers are expensive to build on and have been largely left alone . One stretch in Texas’ Hidalgo County along the Rio Grande cost \$10 million a mile.

**SURVEILLANCE TECH**  
Politicians along the border, even GOP lawmakers in Washington, have endorsed surveillance technology as offering more security for the buck than fence or wall. The Border Patrol is expanding the use of eye-in the-sky tethered dirigibles that scan the horizon as they float on cables and of camera-studded towers. Its high-flying Predator drones have logged more than 3,000 hours a year since 2011.

Neither technology nor maintenance of existing fence comes cheap. The government spent \$450 million last fiscal year on “Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology.”

And a major Boeing-led project in Arizona called the “SBINet,” whose network **See WALL on next page**



# ‘Sanctuary cities’ undaunted by Trump move to cut funding

**SEATTLE** (AP)—Politicians in New York, Seattle and other “sanctuary cities” that protect immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally declared Wednesday they won’t be intimidated by a move by President Donald Trump to cut off millions in federal funding to such communities.

Many cities vowed legal action, arguing that the threatened punishment would be unconstitutional. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh promised to let immigrants who feel threatened by the administration’s actions take shelter in City Hall if necessary.

“This city will not be bullied by this administration,” Seattle Mayor Ed Murray said, adding that he instructed city departments to rework their budgets to prepare for the possibility that federal dollars could be lost. “We believe we have the rule of law and the courts on our side.”

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee called Trump’s executive orders on immigration mean-spirited and unnecessary. California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat, tweeted: “See you in court.”

In New York, Trump’s hometown, city officials said the administration’s action could take away over \$150 million in law enforcement funding mainly for counter-terrorism efforts, protecting international missions and dignitaries and, arguably, safeguarding Trump Tower, city officials said.

“Here in New York City and in cities across this nation, this order could in fact undermine public safety,” Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference Wednesday evening—a concern echoed by District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser.

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was supposed to marshal surveillance monitoring, proved a boondoggle, costing taxpayers \$1 billion before it was canceled in 2010.

## PEOPLE CROSSING

Not a single person involved in a terrorist act in the United States is known to have illegally entered the country from Mexico along the southwest border. Apprehensions of people at the border are far down from a peak of 1.6 million in 2000 to 408,870 in the year ending Sept. 30, with net immigration by Mexicans at zero.

More Central Americans were apprehended illegally crossing the border than Mexicans last year. The Central Americans are fleeing a humanitarian crisis—the

world’s highest murder rates and abject poverty. Most surrender at the border and seek asylum. The Border Patrol has bulked up, too, from about 9,500 agents in 2004 to some 17,500 today.

The locals, meanwhile, mostly don’t want a wall. A May poll in U.S. southwest border cities found 72 percent against the idea. The Cronkite News-Univision-Dallas Morning News poll had a 2.6 percent error margin

## DRUG SMUGGLING

Most drugs entering the United States sneak through legal ports of entry—not through fence-less wilds. They hide in concealed compartments of passenger vehicles or commingled with legitimate goods in tractor-trailers, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says.

The U.S. Border Patrol says it seized 1.3 million pounds of marijuana, most of it in Arizona, and 4,180 pounds of cocaine, most split between the San Diego sector and Texas’ Rio Grande valley, in the most recent fiscal year.

Smugglers have been tunneling under fences for years, primarily in California and Arizona where marijuana is the payload. Authorities also occasionally find ladders constructed a foot higher than existing fence as creative smugglers find new ways in—and under.

And since 1990, the DEA says, 225 border tunnels have been discovered. Off-road vehicles and backpackers are also used, but that tends to require scouts. Ultralight aircraft and drones have also made cross-border airdrops, mostly of marijuana.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,** )  
 ) Civil Action  
 ) No. 16-0100R  
**vs.** )  
 ) SUMMONS  
**MURPHY P. REYES, Defendant.** )

**TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, MURPHY P. REYES:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the **COMPLAINT**, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within **Twenty (20) Days** after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your Attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**SO ORDERED** on this the 25 day of May, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC.,** : CIVIL ACTION  
: NO. 09-0458

**Plaintiff,** :

**vs.** :

**DONALD C. CAMACHO,** :  
**Defendant.** :

**EIGHTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 4, 2011, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 001 C 60 (formerly part of Lot 001 C 56, which was part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, T.D. 697), situated in San Roque Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 12, the original of which was recorded 27 August 1999 as Document No. 99-2037 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of January, 2017.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC.,** : CIVIL ACTION  
: NO. 09-0338

**Plaintiff,** :

**vs.** :

**RAMON P. AGULTO AND DALIA R. AGULTO** :  
**Defendants.** :

**TENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**



NOTICES IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 16, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 001 G 32, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded March 20, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, and also recorded on February 16, 1989, as Document No. 89-511, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein is being incorporated herein by this reference.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of January, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## CUC-RFP-17-016

### FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to prepare a comparative feasibility assessment of water supply treatment alternatives, including desalination (RO and thermal/evaporative). The assessment will compare, at a minimum, location, type, size, cost, and funding options for each alternative to implement, construct and operate.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room No. 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on **February 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST).**

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP-17-016 - Feasibility Study of Water Supply Alternatives for the Island of Saipan” to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **March 02, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information of understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of contractor’s preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award of a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This bid and the ensuring contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI business license in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of the contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. Proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 17, 2017**, to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address at [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to William Gilmore, CUC Deputy Executive Director via email address [william.gilmore@cucgov.org](mailto:william.gilmore@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**WILLIAM GILMORE**  
Acting Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## CNMI\_FARMERS\_COOP\_PVSP-15-012

### CNMI COOP GARAPAN PUBLIC MARKET GRID-TIE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM PROJECT

The CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Offerors for the design, supply, supervision, installation and commissioning of the CNMI COOP Garapan Public Market Grid-Tie Photovoltaic System Project. A complete digital RFP package will be available for distribution by electronic mail beginning Saturday, January 28, 2017. Requests shall be sent via email addressed to Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero at [garapanpublicmarket@gmail.com](mailto:garapanpublicmarket@gmail.com).

Pre-proposal questions and/or clarifications shall be in writing and sent to Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero, President of the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association, through electronic mail at [garapanpublicmarket@gmail.com](mailto:garapanpublicmarket@gmail.com) no later than February 20, 2017, 5:00 p.m. local time. The CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association shall issue addenda to address questions and/or clarifications as necessary, no later than March 03, 2017.

Qualified Offerors must submit one (1) PDF electronic copy and five (5) hard copies of bid proposals in a sealed envelope or box addressed to the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association and must be labeled, CNMI COOP Garapan Public Market Grid-Tie Photovoltaic System Project: RFP No. CNMI\_Farmers\_COOP\_PVSP-15-012, no later than March 24, 2017, 1:00 p.m. local time. Late submittal will not be opened or considered and will be determined as non-responsive. All Offerors shall provide sufficient written and verifiable information that responds to the requirements set forth herein and in the Statement of Work.



Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Avalanches kill 4 family members, Indian soldier in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Four members of a family and an Indian soldier were killed Wednesday when they were buried by two separate avalanches in the Himalayan region of Kashmir, officials said. Police officer Syed Javaid Mujtaba Gillani said a home crumpled under the weight of heavy snow in the Gurez area, killing four people. He

said one family member was rescued. Indian army spokesman Col. Rajesh Kalia said a soldier was killed and scores of others were rescued after an avalanche hit army barracks in the Sonmarg area. Gillani said authorities have issued a “high danger” avalanche warning in many parts of the region, especially along the heavily militarized Line of Control that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan. Officials said the heavy snowfall has disrupted

power and communication lines in Indian-held Kashmir.

Philippines GDP grows 6.6 pct in Oct-Dec, 6.8 pct for year

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Officials report the Philippine economy expanded at a 6.6 percent annual rate in October-December, the slowest pace of expansion for the year, though full-year annual growth clocked in at a relatively brisk 6.8 percent.

Economic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia said Thursday that robust domestic demand helped offset a contraction in agriculture, slowing government spending and wariness over President Rodrigo Duterte’s administration. The 6.8 percent expansion for the year was at the high end of the government’s target of 6.0 to 7.0 percent growth. Growth in the past seven years has averaged 6.3 percent. Brash-talking Duterte inherited a rel-

atively vibrant economy when he took office in May. He has pledged to slash the poverty rate, but investors are wary of his swashbuckling approach to governing.

China releases new list of items banned for export to NKorea

BEIJING (AP)—China has released a new list of items banned for export to North Korea, following a new round of United Nations sanctions and complaints from President Donald Trump that Beijing was doing too little to pressure its communist neighbor. A statement from the Commerce Ministry said the items included dual-use technologies that could aid the North’s programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as the missiles to deliver them. While largely comprising specialty chemicals and rare alloys, the list also included computer software, machinery, high-speed cameras, aircraft engines and six-axle truck chassis. China is the North’s largest source of trade and aid, but is frustrated by Pyongyang’s defiance of the U.N.


were seized in the Chinese-controlled territory. Commissioner Roy Tang said his department was acting only under Hong Kong law when it impounded the nine SAF Terrex infantry carriers and other equipment. He spoke a day after the Hong Kong government said the vehicles would be returned to Singapore following an investigation into a suspected violation of rules governing the shipment of “strategic commodities.” The vehicles were being shipped back home via Hong Kong after military training exercises in Taiwan when they were seized in November.

SKorean prosecutors plan to search impeached leader’s office


SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Prosecutors said Wednesday they plan to question impeached South Korean President Park Geun-hye and search her office by early next month over a huge corruption scandal involving Park and her longtime confidante. In an unusual moment earlier in the day, Park’s confidante, Choi Soon-sil, shouted out to reporters as she was brought to the prosecutors’ offices to be questioned. Choi called the investigation unfair and said she had been forced to confess untrue things about her relationship with Park. “They are not a democratic special prosecution any longer ... they are forcing me to make a confession,” Choi screamed out as guards led her into the building.

Hong Kong denies Beijing role in Singapore shipment probe

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong’s customs chief on Wednesday denied suggestions that Beijing was involved in the investigation into nine armored personnel carriers belonging to Singapore that



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

The Operations Committee will also meet on the same day immediately right after the Personnel Committee meeting. The committee meetings will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.


### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA\*

I. Preliminary Matters  
A. Call to Order  
B. Roll Call  
C. Adoption of Agenda  
II. Public Comments\*\*  
III. Executive Session\*\*\*  
(Consultation with the Legal Counsel on Personnel Matters)  
IV. Adjournment

### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA\*

I. Preliminary Matters  
A. Call to Order  
B. Roll Call  
C. Adoption of Agenda  
II. Public Comments\*\*  
III. Executive Session\*\*\*  
(Consultation with the Legal Counsel on Operations Matters)  
IV. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.  
\*\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.  
\*\*\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Committee members may vote to meet in executive session at any time.




## VEHICLE FOR BID

“SOLD AS IS”

# 2015 Honda Accord Sport 4 Dr Sedan

Vehicle may be viewed at Bank of Saipan Chalan Kanoa Branch on Friday January 13, 2017, January 20, 2017 and January 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Last day for Bidding is Monday January 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Loan Department for (Martin SN. Dela Cruz) at 235-6260 Extensions 121Or 123. The Bank reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.



## Bank of Saipan

*Marianas Pride*



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT**



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP NO.: RFP17-DFEMS-037

SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2017 TIME: 10:00A.M.

### “SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MOTOR OPERATED ALUMINUM ROLL-UP GRILLES AT VARIOUS STATIONS ON SAIPAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENCION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.


QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE MADE TO LT. MANUEL A. CABRERA BY E-MAIL AT [macabrera@dfems.gov.mp](mailto:macabrera@dfems.gov.mp) NO LATER THAN **4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, FEBRUARY 03, 2017.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**


THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA  
Commissioner  
Department of Fire and  
Emergency Medical Services

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN  
Director,  
Procurement and Supply



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT**



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP NO.: RFP17-DFEMS-027

SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2017 TIME: 10:00A.M.

### “SUPPLY OF TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES ON SAIPAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENCION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE MADE TO LT. MANUEL A. CABRERA BY E-MAIL AT [macabrera@dfems.gov.mp](mailto:macabrera@dfems.gov.mp) NO LATER THAN **4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, JANUARY 31, 2017.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

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/S/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA  
Commissioner  
Department of Fire and  
Emergency Medical Services

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN  
Director,  
Procurement and Supply



## JUDICIARY

Northern Mariana Islands



### Request for Proposals 17-JUDICIARY-01

Janitorial Services for the Guma Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice  
Submission Date: February 10, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for janitorial services for the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewee/House of Justice, Saipan, for a period of one (1) year. Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **January 27, 2017** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to [John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp](mailto:John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp).

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on **February 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** local time at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission—Law Library. Any questions or inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Gerald Weaver, Building Superintendent, at the pre-proposal meeting and all questions will be answered at the mandatory pre-proposal meeting. Any questions or inquiries not raised at the mandatory pre-proposal meeting shall not be answered and shall be disregarded.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP17-JUDICIARY-01** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **February 10, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time.** Proposals must expressly state that the price offered is good for a one (1) year period. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **February 10, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time.** Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to [John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp](mailto:John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **February 10, 2017, AND** the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than **February 22, 2017, close of business.**

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/  
Alexandro C. CastroJohn T. Villagomez  
Chief JusticeBudget and Finance Director

/s/  
John T. Villagomez  
Budget and Finance Director



**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Gambia’s new president to arrive in the country on Thursday**

**BANJUL, Gambia** (AP)—Gambia’s new president finally comes home on Thursday, a week after taking the oath of office outside the country during a whirlwind political crisis that sent the tiny nation’s longtime leader into exile. President Adama Barrow is set to arrive Thursday afternoon from neighboring Senegal, where he has waited out the chaos for his safety, a spokesman for the coalition backing him confirmed Wednesday. Gambians eagerly await Barrow, who has promised to reverse many of the actions taken by former leader Yahya Jammeh. Barrow defeated Jammeh in December elections that the ruling party challenged.

**Belgians, Dutch join in opposing Trump’s anti-abortion plans**

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Belgium is joining the Netherlands in backing the creation of an international fund to finance access to birth control, abortion and sex education for women in developing countries in an attempt to make up for U.S. President Donald Trump’s ban on U.S. funding. Alexander De Croo, Belgium’s minister for foreign trade and development, says he is fully behind the initiative of his Dutch counterpart to set up an international

fund for safe abortions. De Croo says Wednesday that “this decision of the White House has an immediate impact on the lives of millions of girls and women in developing nations.” Trump’s executive memorandum signed Monday reinstituted a ban on U.S. funding to international groups that perform abortions or even provide information about abortions.

**Official: Mexico’s president ‘considering’ scrapping US trip**

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Mexico’s president is “considering” canceling next week’s visit to Washington following President Donald Trump’s order to begin construction of a wall between the two countries, a senior official said Wednesday. But President Enrique Pena Nieto, while he did not directly mention the trip in a speech late Wednesday, appeared not to rule out going. He said he would await reports from the high-level team of Mexican officials currently meeting with Trump administration officials in Washington. “Based on the final report from the Mexican officials who are in Washington right now ... I will make decisions about what to do next,” Pena Nieto said. Pena Nieto said he regrets and condemns the decision to build the wall, saying “I have said time and time again, Mexico will not pay for any wall.”

# World

## Extremist gunmen storm hotel in Somali capital, 11 killed

**MOGADISHU, Somalia** (AP)—At least 11 were killed and 50 injured Wednesday as Somali security forces ended a siege by extremist fighters who stormed a hotel in the capital, police said.

Four al-Shabab attackers were also killed in the attack on Dayah hotel, which is often frequented by government officials, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior police of-

ficer. The death toll may rise, he said.

Survivors described chaotic scenes in which hotel residents hid under beds and others jumped out of windows of the four-story building to escape the attackers.

“They kicked down room doors and at some point posed themselves as rescue teams by telling those inside to come out (only) to kill them,” said

Hassan Nur, a traditional Somali elder.

He said two well-known clan elders were among those killed.


The assault on the hotel started when a suicide car bomb exploded at its gates. A second explosion soon followed.

Dozens of people, including lawmakers, were thought to have been staying at the ho-

tel at the time of the morning attack, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein.

A nearby shopping center caught fire and dozens of people helped save goods from the flames.

Somalia’s homegrown Islamic extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack via its online radio, Andalus, saying its fighters succeeded in entering the hotel.



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**ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
FOR CAVITY REPAIRS AT THE SAIPAN HARBOR**  
Project No. CPA-SS-001-17

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested consultants for Engineering Design Services for cavity repairs at the Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Project Number CPA-SS-001-17.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, January 20, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall engineering design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 20 points;
2. Engineering design experience related to seaport/harbor projects; – 40 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of engineering design work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.


All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Executive Director

Date: January 5, 2017



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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PASSENGER  
LOADING BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**AIP NO. 3-69-0002-87/XX**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of passenger loading bridges at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87/XX, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, January 27, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
2. CM experience related to airport related projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); – 30 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.


All consultants shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements under this federally funded project.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Executive Director

Date: January 12, 2017



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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AIRFIELD MARKING & SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**AIP NO. 3-69-0003-26/XX**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of the airfield markings and signage at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0003-26/XX, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, January 27, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
2. CM experience related to airport and airfield related projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); – 30 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

All consultants shall comply with all applicable FAA requirements under this federally funded project.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Executive Director

Date: January 12, 2017



# Focus

**G**IULIANOVA, Italy (AP)—First there was a loud roar. Then darkness—hours and hours of darkness.

A couple among the nine survivors of an Italian avalanche that devastated a mountain hotel say they survived nearly 58 hours buried beneath feet of snow by sucking on glass- and mud-filled ice, comforting each other and those nearby, and praying.

The initial shock was so loud and the force so strong that the couple -- 22-year-old Giorgia Galassi and her boyfriend, 25-year-old Vincenzo Forti -- told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they were convinced it was another earthquake rocking the luxury Hotel Rigopiano.

They never considered the threat of an avalanche at the snow-bound resort.

"I don't think anyone imagined it. We didn't know until the firefighters told us. We thought the whole time it was a very strong earthquake," Galassi said in her parents'

living room in the town of Giulianova, sitting next to Forti.

She wore a necklace of an angel that a friend had just given her, celebrating their survival.

Galassi and Forti were two of the nine people pulled out alive after the Jan. 18 avalanche. At least 25 others died and four still remain missing in the mountainous region northeast of Rome.

They said they were scared but never gave up hope that they would survive.

They had arrived at the luxury hotel the evening before the deadly avalanche, undeterred by the accumulating heavy snow.

When it hit the next afternoon, they were gathered with the other guests ready to leave, sitting in a tea room or standing in the adjacent entry hall, waiting for a snowplow to clear the 9-kilometer (5 1/2-mile) road through Gran Sasso park so they could go home.

Galassi said she was particularly fearful of the temblors that had started that morning, and had waited outside for a

while. But she went back into the hotel due to the cold and after the hotel management's assurances that it had resisted previous quakes.

It wasn't long before a loud roar announced the tragedy.

"It all started from a rumble," Forti told a news conference at a hotel later Wednesday. "And then everything collapsed. A roar, what can I say, a roar." After the shock of finding themselves beneath a wicker chair that protected them from a beam, Galassi and Forti said the first relief was realizing they were not alone.

"When we fell, when everything fell on top of us, we yelled, 'Is anyone alive? We are alive!'" Galassi said. "Then we heard another voice, and we were relieved."

When they looked up, they had just 50 centimeters (20 inches) between their heads and the ceiling. The whole space was less than that of a single bed, according to Forti. But behind them, they could see ice through a hole in the glass panel that they could reach if they stretched out. That ice was their lifeline,

something to suck on and quench their thirst.

"At times there was even glass and mud (in the ice). But it was survival," Galassi said.

For a while, their cellphones gave them some light. The then dark came. The young couple huddled together in the tiny space, sitting at first and then lying down to sleep, using Galassi's fur coat and a blanket they found nearby for warmth.

Forti said heat from the fireplace near where they had been sitting kept the temperatures comfortable for many hours. Rescuers have also told journalists that the survivors were insulated by the meters (yards) of snow on top of them, which created an igloo effect.

During the interminable wait for help, they spoke with Francesca Bronzi, another survivor on the other side of the beam. Bronzi had a watch and helped them keep track of time. They could also hear a mother with her son nearby, who turned out to be Adriana Vranceanu and her 8-year-old son Gianfilippo, both of

whom also survived.

Vranceanu's husband, Giampaolo Parete, was outside when the avalanche hit and sounded the alarm. Their 6-year-old daughter, Ludovica, was pulled from the rubble with the two other children staying at the hotel, who spent nearly two days alone together in a billiard room.

Galassi said she passed the time in prayer.

"I don't think I have ever prayed so much in my life," Galassi said.

Despite their conviction that help would arrive, there were moments of despair, and they took turns comforting each other.

Galassi said they first heard rescuers around 11 a.m. Friday—nearly two days after the avalanche—when they heard Vranceanu speaking to a voice they hadn't heard before.

"When I heard she was speaking with someone, I yelled, 'Who are you speaking to?' She said 'I am speaking with Mauro, who is a rescuer. They came to save us.' They said to stay calm, that

they would pull us out."

"We started to yell and to knock to make ourselves heard. And after a while he came also to talk to us," Galassi said.

Within a short time, they were free.

Galassi credited Forti's strength for helping keep her spirits up, along with his focus on seeking solutions to their predicament. She said the ordeal had only strengthened their bond.

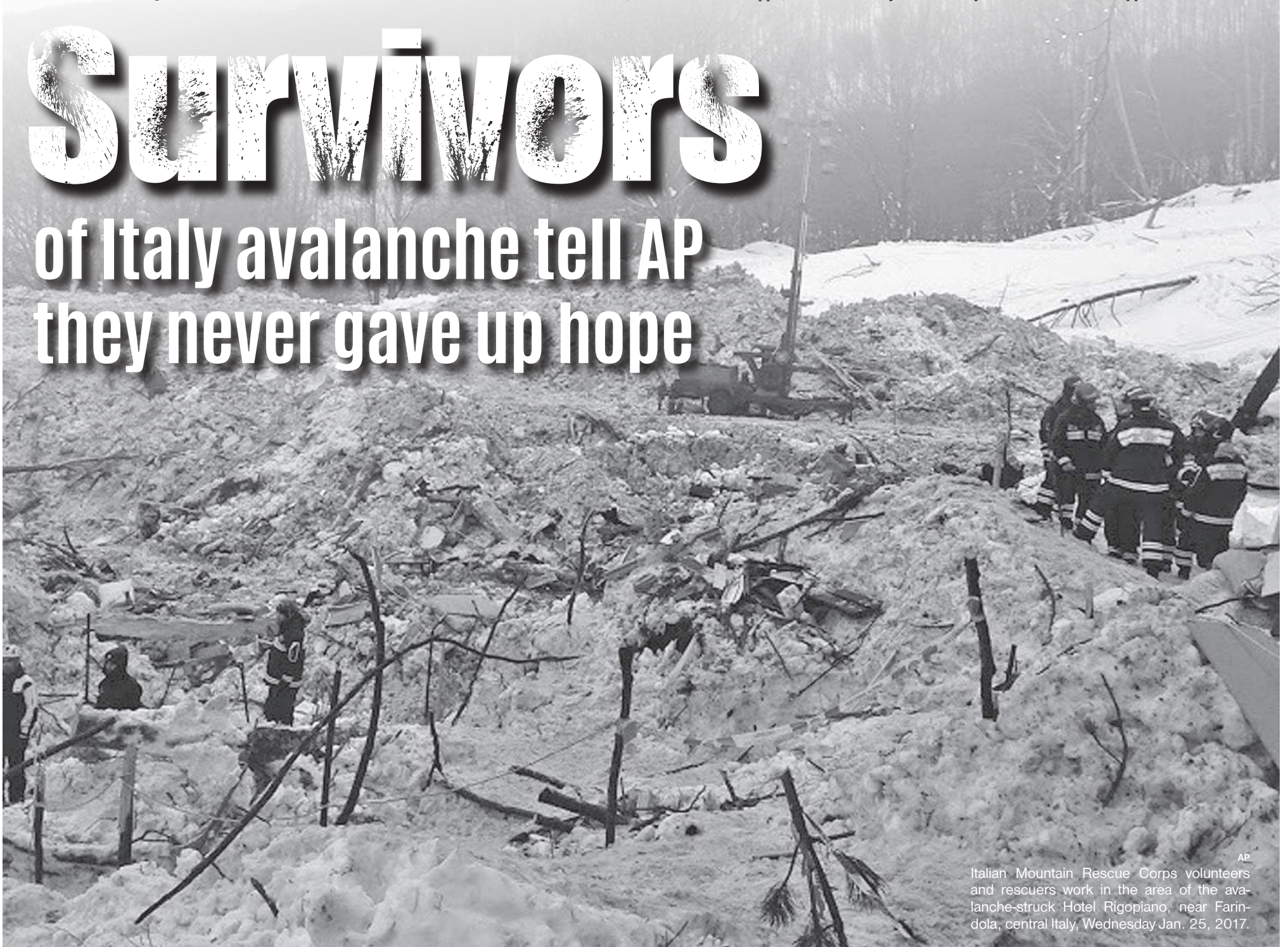
"We said even this happened to us and we got out together," Galassi said. "I believe it is truly a miracle."

The couple said they were relieved to hear all four children staying at the hotel had survived, but they are haunted by the deaths of so many of their companions, including Bronzi's boyfriend.

"I think thank God that I am safe, but I am very sorry, truly deeply, because I knew these people and I saw the terror in their eyes. These people had children," Galassi said, stopping. "It could have happened even to me. It could have happened to him."

# Survivors

## of Italy avalanche tell AP they never gave up hope



AP  
Italian Mountain Rescue Corps volunteers and rescuers work in the area of the avalanche-struck Hotel Rigopiano, near Farinola, central Italy, Wednesday Jan. 25, 2017.



# Off The Wall

## Special toilet takes aim at urine-to-fertilizer

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)**—The University of Michigan sees value in urine.

And it wants to know if others do, too.

The Ann Arbor school announced Tuesday that it has installed a toilet and urinal in a campus engineering building that take aim at converting human urine into fertilizers.

The split-bowl toilet is designed to send solid waste to a treatment plant, but route urine to a holding tank downstairs. Urine diverted from the toilet and urinal will be treated and eventually used to create fertilizers that will be applied on the grounds of the university's botanical gardens.

Call it pee-cycling.

Tuesday's opening of the facilities at the G.G. Brown building coincides with the launch of a survey to under-

stand public opinion surrounding the technology. Urine contributors will have the opportunity to register their thoughts on a tablet computer situated in the restroom.

"It's possible that when people are asked to contribute to a system where their urine is diverted and used as fertilizer they might feel a little queasy about this at first," Michigan engineering professor Krista Wigginton said after cutting a ceremonial ribbon outside the women's restroom. "And, so, a large part of this project is actually on the social science side, the education side," to understand whether people are willing to adopt it.

The multi-state research effort is part of a \$3 million National Science Foundation-funded project that's billed as the country's largest program

examining the technological requirements and social attitudes related to urine-based fertilizers.

Michigan researchers, who are working with colleagues at the Vermont-based Rich Earth Institute and the University at Buffalo, say deriving fertilizer from nutrient-rich urine could save money and reduce pollution.

As for visitors to the side-by-side restrooms in the G.G. Brown building, Wigginton says they won't find anything out of the ordinary.

"I think the experience of using the toilet really isn't any different," she said, holding the stall door open and pointing at the split-bowl toilet. "That's part of the goal here: We don't want to disrupt what people are used to."

"We tried to make it as normal as possible."

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Roses? No, try roaches for an unusual Valentine's Day gift

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Roses are red, violets are blue, how about having a roach named for you? The Bronx Zoo is offering people the chance to name one of its Madagascar hissing cockroaches in honor of someone for Valentine's Day. The zoo in New York City started offering the name-a-roach program in 2011 as a fun way to fundraise. For \$10, recipients get an emailed certificate telling them one of the insects from the world's largest roach species has been named for them. This year, the zoo is also offering to send along chocolates or a Madagascar cockroach plush toy for higher donations. No worries about there not being enough roaches to go around—the museum said it had thousands of them on exhibition. The money goes to the Wildlife Conservation Society.

#### Sinkhole swallows yards, threatens pickup in Philly suburb

**GLENSIDE, Pa. (AP)**—Crews are assessing a massive sinkhole that has swallowed parts of two residential yards and is threatening to swallow a pickup truck in the Philadelphia suburbs. Officials in Cheltenham Township say the hole, which appears to be about 20 feet deep, opened up about 4 a.m. Wednesday. A tree could be seen teetering into the hole, but it also appeared to be keeping the pickup from rolling into the crater. The hole also swallowed

part of the sidewalk and the edge of the street nearest the two homes whose yards are affected. Authorities say nobody's been hurt and there was no obvious, immediate cause for the sinkhole to develop. Reporters at the scene say the two affected families have been evacuated from their homes.

#### Woman nearly carjacked after stopping for dummy in road

**NEWPORT, N.C. (AP)**—A sheriff's office says a woman narrowly escaped being carjacked after spotting what she thought was a child sitting in the middle of the road in the dark of night. It turned out to be a dummy, dressed in children's clothing. And as the woman slowed her car, two men wearing dark hoodies approached and pulled on her door handles. She sped away and called for help as the suspects fled, according to the sheriff's office in Carteret County, North Carolina. Maj. Jason Wank says authorities destroyed the dummy later Sunday, just in case. He's asking for help finding those responsible.

#### Isn't that 'RICH'? Iconic Goodrich smokestack to be trimmed

**AKRON, Ohio (AP)**—Officials in Akron plan to downsize one of the Ohio city's iconic B.F. Goodrich smokestacks by 100 feet due to growing safety concerns. The Akron Beacon Journal reports the twin 195-foot,

red brick smokestacks have been part of Akron's skyline for nearly a century. Each emblazoned with the word "Goodrich," the smokestacks tower over the site of the former Goodrich tire complex. They were decommissioned in 2015 after burning gas and coal for decades. Now, city officials are worried about the deterioration of the northern stack. Mayor Dan Horrigan says it would take \$1 million to temporarily secure the stack in its current condition. It will cost between \$130,000 and \$175,000 to lower the stack. When the work is done, all that'll be left will be "RICH."

#### Police: Burglary suspect left keys, cellphone at the scene

**STRATFORD, Conn. (AP)**—A man suspected of breaking into a Connecticut animal hospital looking for drugs made it easy for police to track him down—he left his keys and cellphone behind. The Connecticut Post reports that police responded to a burglar alarm at The Pet Hospital in Stratford recently to find a rear window broken and blood on the window frame. Inside, police say they found a trail of blood on the floor, along with keys and a phone. They say it appears the burglar was looking for drugs. Police traced the phone to 31-year-old Nicholas Bruner and charged him with third-degree burglary and second-degree criminal mischief. He is free on \$10,000 bond. Bruner said he had lost the items but couldn't remember where.

# Science & Technology

## Startup offers car washes on demand

**MIAMI**—Imagine telling your bosses you're leaving a high-finance career to start a car-wash company. "They thought I was crazy," Nathan Bekerman said. "But my years at JPMorgan taught me how to execute and run a business."

He and Tarek El Gammal, who was also working at JPMorgan, as well as Ryan Serkes, "the computer guy," believed there was something lacking in car-washing: consumer convenience. It also

disturbed them that car-wash employees were typically being overworked and underpaid. Add to that the frightening figure that a traditional car wash can waste 50 to 100 gallons of water, and you have an industry in dire need of a makeover, they thought.

Their solution: WashMyWhip.

WashMyWhip's "WashPros" have the ability to manage a flexible schedule and earn both salary and commission-based pay.

Water conservation is key, Bekerman said. Instead of gallons and gallons of water, WashMyWhip uses a waterless car wash service that consists of lubricants that raise the dirt, clay that breaks it down, and wax that makes sure a car stays shiny and protected.

The service was launched last summer, and so far, the company has cleaned more than 5,000 cars without wasting 250,000 to 500,000 gallons of water. (*Miami Herald*)



Fidel Miranda, hiring manager of WashMyWhip, works on a car at WashMyWhip in Wynwood, Fla.

### TECH Q&A

## How cell towers can block satellite radio signals

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: I have a SiriusXM satellite radio in my car, but the signal consistently cuts out in specific areas around town. I've read that the problem could be related to the satellite radio's antenna or to interference from T-Mobile cellular towers. Is there a solution?**—Tim Risdal, Burnsville, Minn.

**A:** Not yet. SiriusXM Radio and T-Mobile USA acknowledged in late 2015 that T-Mobile cell towers were causing signal interference on SiriusXM's satellite radios. Both companies said fixing the problem was the other firm's responsibility (see [tinyurl.com/gq36e2k](http://tinyurl.com/gq36e2k)). So far, neither company has announced a solution. When I sought comment last week, neither responded.

Previously, both companies said that the interference problem is caused by a radio signal phenomenon called

"intermodulation." Two different T-Mobile tower frequencies are colliding, thereby creating a third frequency. It is this third radio frequency signal that produces interference on SiriusXM radios.

Potential solutions mentioned in 2015 included altering the way the cell towers operate, improving the way satellite radios filter out unrelated signals, or strengthening satellite signals (to overcome interference) by rebroadcasting them from ground stations.

**Q: I've previously used Windows System Restore to fix problems on different PCs; it restores a PC's settings to the way they were on a previous date. But I recently discovered that my Windows 7 laptop doesn't have System Restore turned on. I get the message: "System restore has been turned off by your system administrator. To turn on, contact your system administrator." What**

**can I do?**—Scott McKibbin, South Bend, Ind.

**A:** Windows System Restore should be turned on default. If it's not on, go to Start and type "system restore" in the search box. In the resulting list, click on "create a restore point." You'll then see a list of "protection settings." Your PC's "C" drive should be listed, and, just to the right of it should be the word "off." Click on the C drive to highlight it, then click on the "configure" button just below the list. In the next menu, check the box next to "turn on system protection."

Below that, under the heading "disk space usage," move the slider control until it says 5 percent. That's the portion of your C disk that will be set aside for "restore points."

If that doesn't work, try using the PC's Group Policy Editor or Registry Editor (see [tinyurl.com/zsxlkze](http://tinyurl.com/zsxlkze)). Be careful with the latter; mistakes in the registry can be serious.





## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No.17-006

Opening Date: Friday, January 13, 2017  
Closing Date: Until Filled

## Fiscal/Budget Officer

**DUTIES:** Under the overall supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Supervises professional and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Supervises day-to-day accounting operations to include: reviewing and approving journal entries; reviewing entries from accounting modules; reviewing trial balance and financial statements; reviewing and maintaining subsidiary ledgers; analyzing problematic accounts; providing guidance to staff; and, monitoring and analyzing revenue and expenditures. Attends a variety of meetings and serves as a liaison between the department and other departments, organizations and agencies. Prepares a wide variety of financial and analytical reports and statements. Prepares annual budget by providing advice and guidance to division managers. Prepares budget reprogram and reclassification requests. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION :** SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**POSITION :** One (1)  
**SALARY :** \$56,439.00 to \$76,192.00 per annum.  
 (Salary is negotiable based on qualification and experience.)  
**CONTRACT :** Two (2) Years.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field and four years of professional level accounting or finance experience including two years supervisory experience. **Preferred Qualifications:** Master's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field and six years of professional level accounting or finance experience including four years supervisory experience. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Customer service principles; Supervisory Principles; Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Performing mathematical calculations; Applying accounting procedures and principles; Developing and implementing procedures and standards; Recording, analyzing, verifying, reconciling, and reporting accounting transactions; Preparing and analyzing financial statements and reports; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Pre-employment drug testing required. Applicants may be tested.

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 17-007

Opening Date: Friday, January 27, 2017  
Closing Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017

## Senior Administrative Technician

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the CUC Board of Director or his/her designee. Assist the CUC Board of Director's Secretary on Board of Director Meetings, Personnel Committee Meetings, and Operations Committee Meetings. Perform transcribing of Board Meeting minutes. Performs specialized, advanced office and administrative support activities of assigned division or specialty area; provides administrative support, coordination and project assistance to assigned management. Reviews, verifies, processes, prepares and distributes various documents, reports, contracts, change orders, timekeeping records, schedules, specifications, billing documents, and/or other departmental documentation. Provides internal and external customer service by responding to inquiries and information requests, contacting appropriate resources to gather pertinent information, and providing documents, information or specifications for required resources or services. Enters and maintains data in systems; retrieves and reviews system information; performs research as needed to gather pertinent data; reconciles errors or inconsistent data; makes applicable corrections and updates to maintain data integrity. Maintains and organizes files, databases, and records; ensures retention of information in accordance with procedures and guidelines. Assists in tracking budgets and expenditures, project timelines, schedules, and/or document processes; prepares and distributes status updates and document revisions. Maintains and prepares requisitions for inventory, supply and equipment needs; monitors and identifies resource needs. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION :** CUC Board of Directors, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY :** \$24,904.00 per annum to \$33,620.00 per annum.  
 (Salary commensurate with qualification and experience)  
**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.  
**POSITION(S) :** One (1)

**Minimum Requirements:** Associate's Degree or High School Diploma/GED or ABE Program AS and 3 years of office experience related to area of assignment. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Generally accepted accounting principles; Financial analysis principles and techniques; Advanced mathematical concepts; Research methods; Customer service principles; Modern office technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Providing guidance and leading work activities (based on assignment); Prioritizing activities and meeting deadlines; Preparing financial information, adjustments and entries related to general ledger; Researching, compiling, calculating and reconciling data and information; Researching technical issues, solving problems and providing solutions; Monitoring and maintaining fiscal account information and reporting; Reconciling data, preparing adjustments and posting account and journal entries; Providing attention to accuracy and detail; Preparing reports, correspondence and related fiscal documentation; Providing customer service; Providing technical guidance related to financial systems; Maintaining databases and financial records; Assisting with audits, inventory processes and/or equipment maintenance schedules; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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## Life &amp; Style

## Pioneering TV actress Mary Tyler Moore dies at 80

**NEW YORK (AP)—**Mary Tyler Moore, the star of TV's beloved "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" whose comic realism helped revolutionize the depiction of women on the small screen, died Wednesday. She was 80.

Moore gained fame in the 1960s as the frazzled wife Laura Petrie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show." In the 1970s, she created one of TV's first career-woman sitcom heroines in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

"She was an impressive person and a talented person and a beautiful person. A force of nature," producer, creator and director Carl Reiner, who created the "The Dick Van Dyke Show," told The Associated Press. "She'll last forever, as long as there's television. Year after year, we'll see her face in front of us."

Moore won seven Emmy awards over the years and was nominated for an Oscar for her 1980 portrayal of an affluent mother whose son is accidental-

ly killed in "Ordinary People."

Tributes came pouring in. "Mary's energy, spirit and talent created a new bright spot in the television landscape and she will be very much missed," Robert Redford, director of "Ordinary People," said in a statement.

Van Dyke took to Twitter to express his grief and included a video link to a song-and-dance number featuring himself and his TV wife from their show.

"There are no words. She was THE BEST! We always said that we changed each other's lives for the better," he said.

Ellen DeGeneres echoed the sentiment of others on Twitter: "Mary Tyler Moore changed the world for all women."

Moore's first major TV role was on the classic sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show," in



which she played the young homemaker wife of Van Dyke's character, comedy writer Rob Petrie, from 1961-66.

With her unerring gift for comedy, Moore seemed perfectly fashioned to

the smarter wit of the new, post-Eisenhower age. As Laura, she traded in the housedress of countless sitcom wives for Capri pants that were as fashionable as they were suited to a modern American woman.

Laura was a dream wife and mother, but not perfect. Viewers identified with her flustered moments and her protracted, plaintive cry to her husband: "Ohhhh, Robbbb!"

Moore's chemistry with Van Dyke was unmistakable. Decades later, he spoke warmly of the chaste but palpable off-screen crush they shared during the show's run.

They also appeared together **See PIONEERING on Next Page**



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No.17-008

Opening Date: Friday, January 27, 2017  
Closing Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017

## LEGAL COUNSEL

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Reporting directly to CUC's Board of Directors and CUC's Chief Legal Counsel, Legal Counsel is entrusted with several matters. For example, when so instructed Legal Counsel will provide formal and informal legal advice to CUC management: Draft and review a broad range of legal documents, including legal opinions, proposed agency decisions, memoranda, contracts and other procurement documents. Legal counsel will represent CUC at a variety of meetings, negotiations and hearings; provide legal oversight of procurement contracts for goods, services and construction; assist CUC management, the board of Directors and Chief Legal Counsel with developing policy and regulations to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulatory policies, including both local and federal statutes; and investigate and implement necessary actions for compliance with laws and corporate policies. Legal Counsel works closely with Chief Legal Counsel and other outside counsel regarding ongoing litigation; advises CUC management and the Board of Directors of a variety of legal issues, including, but not limited to, billing disputes, human resource matters, property-related disputes, contract negotiations and interpretations, and personal-injury claims. .

**LOCATION :** CUC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**CONTRACT :** ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR  
**POSITION(S) :** ONE (1)

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Successful candidates for Legal Counsel must:

Hold a law degree from an accredited U.S. law school. Be a current member in good standing of the bar of any state within the United States, the CNMI or Guam. If not currently a member of the CNMI Bar, be eligible for prompt admission to the CNMI Bar. For admission requirements, visit [http://www.cnmilaw.org/court\\_rules.htm](http://www.cnmilaw.org/court_rules.htm). Have excellent interpersonal skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess excellent professional judgment. **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Although not required, successful candidates preferably will have: Experience with utility law, federal and/or state energy regulatory law, and government procurement. Contract drafting and negotiation skills. Familiarity with working in a highly regulated industry. An understanding of the economics of electric power. A working knowledge of the legal and commercial issues involved in procurement, construction contracts, project finance, operations and maintenance agreements, and other utility project agreements. Experience working for or appearing before a federal regulatory agency. Strong business judgment and the ability to understand and respond to business issues and needs. Self-motivation, self-discipline and be results-oriented, with an ability to manage priorities and workflow. The ability to independently, and handle both small and large matters with equal effectiveness and enthusiasm. A background in finance, accounting, engineering or economics. The ability to manage multiple complex matters simultaneously. It is the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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# Notable reaction to the death of Mary Tyler Moore



Alyssa Leary, of Minneapolis, placed flowers at the base of a life-size bronze statue of Mary Tyler Moore at the Minneapolis Visitor Center Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017.

all have of her, that's how she was—sweet, kind, so tender, so delicate. She was America's sweetheart.”—**Cloris Leachman**, co-star on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” in a statement

“Mary was America's sweetheart and she was mine also. I was the luckiest guy in

the world just sitting next to her and looking at her beautiful face ... and legs!”—**Gavin MacLeod**, co-star on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” in a statement

“#MaryTylerMoore was a dear friend and a truly great person. A fighter. Rest in peace, MTM.”—**Larry King**, via Twitter

“Thank you, Mary Tyler Moore, for all you have given us.”—**Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences**, via Twitter

“Mary Tyler Moore will always be immortalized in Min-

nesota. My thoughts are with her family and loved ones today.”—**Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn.**, via Twitter

“Mary Tyler Moore will always be a Minnesota icon. The Mary Tyler Moore Show shared Minneapolis and our entire state with the world, as a place where everyone has a chance to work hard, follow dreams, and succeed. Minnesota will miss her.”—**Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton**, in a statement

“Mary Tyler Moore changed the world for all women. I send my love to her family.”—**Ellen DeGeneres**,

via Twitter

“Thank you Mary Tyler Moore for paving the way for us ladies in comedy. You trailblazed the way for us to be confident & bold. All my love.”—**Chelsea Handler**, via Twitter

“I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Tyler Moore. She was a gifted actress and wonderful comedian. I'm proud that we were in that groundbreaking sorority that brought single independent women to television. She will be deeply missed.”—**Marlo Thomas**, in a statement

“There are no words. She was THE BEST! We always said that we changed each other's lives for the better.”—**Dick Van Dyke**, TV husband on “The Dick Van Dyke Show,” via Twitter

“She'll last forever, as long as there's television. Year after year, we'll see her face in front of us.”—**Carl Reiner**, in an interview with The Associated Press

“Mary's energy, spirit and talent created a new bright spot in the television landscape and she will be very much missed. The courage she displayed in taking on a role, (“Ordinary People”), darker than anything she had ever done, was brave and enormously powerful.”—**Robert Redford**, director of “Ordinary People,” in a statement

“A great lady I loved and owe so much to has left us. I will miss her. I will never be able to

repay her for the blessings that she gave me.”—**Ed Asner**, co-star on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” via Twitter

“Even now looking at this picture I want to cry. I still can't believe Mary Tyler Moore touched my face. Will love her 4 ever.”—**Oprah Winfrey**, of photo with her and Moore at TV interview, via Twitter

“I am deeply saddened by the news of Mary's passing. She was a truly amazing person, a great friend, and an inspiration to all. I will always be grateful for her kindness and thankful beyond words for knowing her.

She will be missed greatly.”—**Timothy Hutton**, co-star in “Ordinary People,” in a statement

“My heart goes out to her husband, Robert—he was never more than a touch away from her. The picture that we

and a wonderful comedian. “I'm proud that we were in that groundbreaking sorority that brought single independent women to television,” Thomas said in a statement.

Mary Richards was comfortable being single in her 30s, and while she dated, she wasn't desperate to get married. She sparred affectionately with her gruff boss, Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner, and addressed him always as “Mr. Grant.” And millions agreed with the show's theme song that she could “turn the world on with her smile.”

Asner paid tribute to his co-star, saying on Twitter: “A great lady I loved and owe so much has left us. I will miss her. I will never be able to repay her for the blessings that she gave me.”

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in several TV specials over the years and in 2003, co-starred in a PBS production of the play “The Gin Game.”

But it was as Mary Richards, the plucky Minneapolis TV news producer on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” (1970-77), that Moore truly made her mark.

At a time when women's liberation was catching on worldwide, her character brought to TV audiences an independent, 1970s career woman. Other than Marlo Thomas' 1960s sitcom character “That Girl,” who at least had a steady boyfriend, there were few precedents.

Thomas on Wednesday called Moore a gifted actress

## IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

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†Romeo Quising  
†Jorge Madio Sr.

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He will also be greatly missed by his numerous nieces & nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Mass of Intention is being offered at San Roque Church at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday, 6:00 am Saturday and 7:00 am & 9:00 am Sunday.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017. Our Beloved †Jesus will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to San Roque Church at 7:30 am followed by Responso Service and Holy Rosary at 8:00 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am and Interment Service will follow at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

*Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase  
- Maraming Salamat Po*

**Arceli Legaspi Lizama,  
Children and Families**



# Damon, Affleck hope 'Bending the Arc' inspires millennials

**PARK CITY, Utah (AP)**—The story of the global non-profit Partners in Health is the story of a few young idealists who couldn't have started any smaller—trying to delivery primary health care in rural Haiti 30 years ago. With no structures, little money, undaunted spirits and a belief that all lives are worth saving, the tireless work of Paul Farmer, Jim Yong Kim and Ophelia Dahl revolutionized the global health movement. Partners in Health now employs 18,000 people and impacts rural communities around the world. Their story is recounted in the documentary "Bending the Arc," from directors Kief Davidson and Pedro Kos, which premiered this week at the Sundance Film Festival.

"Paul and Jim and Ophelia are personal heroes for me," Matt Damon said recently by phone. Damon's an executive producer on the film, as is Ben Affleck. Both have known Farmer for years, having sought him out for his extraordinary contributions to the global health care movement. Affleck met him in Rwanda, Damon met him in Haiti, and both civically minded Hollywood stars didn't blink at lending their support to the project when producer Cori Shepherd Stern approached them.

Both believe the film will be inspiring and galvanizing for millennials as they seek a theatrical distributor at Sundance.

"What's so great about their story is it didn't start grand and big," said Damon. "It started with these people who had incredible passion."

Affleck, speaking by phone from Los Angeles, was drawn to the fact that the three-decade partnership all started



Directors Kief Davidson, left, and Pedro Kos pose for a portrait to promote the film, "Bending the Arc", at the Music Lodge during the Sundance Film Festival on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, in Park City, Utah.

with a shared conviction that, "preventable suffering was totally unacceptable."

For Dahl, when she thinks about it, the origin of the movement really goes back to their upbringings, where they'd been socialized to expect the best, or at least know that when things go wrong, that there are always steps you can take to make it better.

"When I went to central

Haiti and saw what I saw there, it kind of in some ways didn't occur to me that we couldn't improve it in some way," Dahl said. "It's the good side of arrogance. You don't expect it for yourself and if you can translate that and think that it should be much better for all of these people, and you put into it the same kind of effort that you would looking after your own children, your own

parents, and you see results, that's really powerful to see things happen."

Stern got started pursuing the story in 2003, following the publication of Tracy Kidder's book about Farmer, "Mountains Beyond Mountains." It took over seven years to make "Bending the Arc," which chronicles the origins and the strides Farmer, Dahl and Kim made in treating Tu-

berculosis and HIV in developing countries through community-based care, fair pricing and global funding.

"Ultimately the story is an invitation. It's an invitation for all of us who have some power and who can bring out voices to influence power to reject the mindset that health care is simply too hard or too expensive or too complicated," Affleck said. "They've shown how to build systems that are rooted in equity and quality and efficiency and compassion. 'Bending the Arc' brings those to life and forces us to wrestle with an urgent imperative to create a new, just health care norm for everyone."

Dahl is a bit worried about the new political climate under President Trump, but said that throughout her years of work around the world, she's always found people in government at every level who are willing to help. One of the most significant AIDS

relief programs, PEPFAR, she notes, was started under President George W. Bush.

"This movement for global health has gathered a lot of steam around the world," she said. "It's a pretty unstoppable force of people who believe in far more equality in health."

Damon also doesn't know what the future holds, but hopes for the best.

"Jim Kim's ambition was not to run the World Bank. He was like 'I was protesting that thing 20 years ago!' That's the great message of the movie and the great lesson of their experience and what they did is that it started at a place of purity and passion and grew into something that's massive and undeniable and that's I think really a great lesson for every millennial," Damon said. "If you can stick with something, and truly believe in something and can stay with it and find comrades in arms, you can move mountains."

## Octavia Spencer to pick up 'Woman of the Year' award

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)**—Academy Award-winning actress Octavia Spencer, fresh off her nomination for a second Oscar, is heading to Massachusetts to pick up yet another award: Woman of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

Spencer will be honored Thursday with a parade through the streets of Cambridge, followed by a roast and the presentation of her pudding pot.

Spencer won an Academy

Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Minny Jackson in 2011's "The Help."

She was nominated Tuesday in the same category for her role in "Hidden Figures," a film about the behind-the-scenes contributions of several black women in the early years of the NASA program.

The Hasty Pudding award has been handed out annually since 1951 to people who have made lasting and impressive contributions to the world of entertainment.



Spencer

## Stranger's boyfriend looks a lot like friend's husband

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in customer service and was helping a guest. During my eight-to 10-minute chat with her, she showed me her phone. The wallpaper on her phone was a picture of the guest and her boyfriend in Times Square. Without mentioning it to the guest, I recognized her boyfriend as the husband of a friend of mine I'll call Julie.

Julie and her husband have two young children. Part of me wants to confront him, but part of me says this would destroy a family. I have resolved to remain quiet unless I hear of marital difficulties, but would that be a disservice to my friend and her children? I feel like I'm carrying a grenade that may devastate many innocents.

WANTS TO CONFRONT HIM

**DEAR WANTS TO CONFRONT:** Unless you are 100 percent certain that the man you saw on the phone was who you think he was, and not someone with a strong resemblance to Julie's husband, do NOT involve yourself.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mom told me that when I get engaged, she is going to hire a PI to investigate my fiancé! I know that parents can be concerned, but this seems to me like total paranoia.

She told me a story she saw in the news about a seemingly normal man who ended up killing people to steal their

money to pay for his wedding. That's scary, but I don't think it warrants hiring a PI to follow my future fiancé around. I think my mom is going beyond being overprotective. What do you think?

FEELING CONFLICTED

**DEAR FEELING CONFLICTED:** I agree with you. What your mother is proposing is the definition of helicopter parenting. If your boyfriend were to find out, it would be the end of your romance. Perhaps you should ask your mother how she would feel if your fiancé's family hired a detective to shake your family tree. I'll bet she wouldn't like it one bit.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to see how other wives would handle this. I have a "friend" who constantly calls my husband her "boyfriend." She's married, and I'm sure this irks her spouse too. Every time they come over, she has to give my husband a really big hug (she has a large chest).

I feel what she's doing is inappropriate and want to know what you recommend to put a stop to this. It has reached the point I wish they would quit coming here. My husband and I are both polite people, but I would like for this to cease.

POLITE PAT IN THE SOUTH

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR POLITE PAT:** I'm a wife and here's how I'd handle it. I would have your husband tell your friend privately that her effusiveness is embarrassing and to please stop doing it. If he doesn't feel comfortable doing this, talk to the woman yourself and tell her that when she calls your husband her boyfriend, it offends you, and that HER husband should be her boyfriend.

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## Calvin and Hobbes

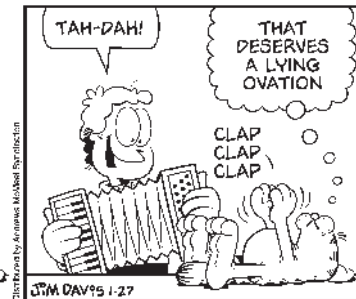


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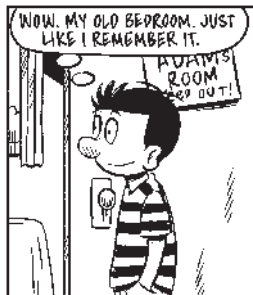
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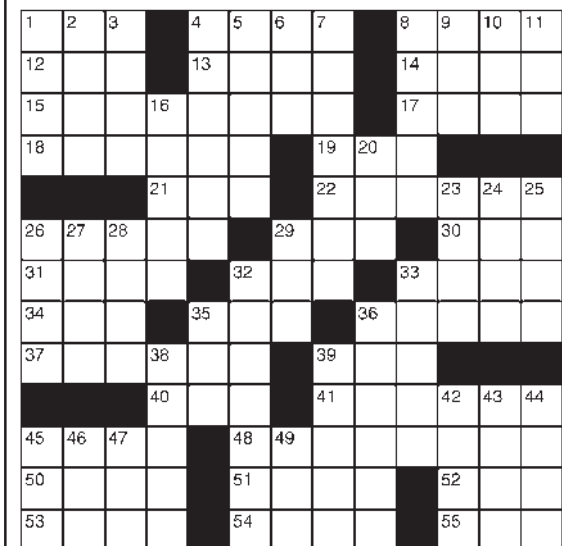
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spider's creation
  - 4 Rock drummer
  - 8 Tag sale
  - 12 Eggs
  - 13 Hotel chain
  - 14 Carvey or Delany
  - 15 Also
  - 17 Bobcat cousin
  - 18 Shows off the muscles
  - 19 — Lanka
  - 21 Some-what (Suff.)
  - 22 Also
  - 26 Uneasiness
  - 29 Inlet
  - 30 Compete
  - 31 Litter's littlest
  - 32 "Mayday!"
  - 33 Teller's partner
  - 34 JFK info
  - 35 Office machine
- DOWN**
- 36 Gump
  - 37 Also
  - 39 Wager
  - 40 Fluffy neck-piece
  - 41 East
  - 45 Poi base
  - 48 Also
  - 50 Genesis garden
  - 51 Nest egg
  - 52 — Marie Saint
  - 53 Tax
  - 54 Hot
  - 55 Gym unit
  - 2 Wicked
  - 3 Use the oven
  - 4 Bottom
  - 5 Menno-nite
  - 6 ICU
  - 7 Naps
  - 8 Extemporize
  - 9 Utter
  - 10 Hostel
  - 11 Kenny G's
  - 16 Be
  - 20 Trigger's rider
  - 23 It takes the cake
  - 24 Sty cry
  - 25 Wallet bills
  - 26 Vicinity
  - 27 Crazy
  - 28 Chew (on)
  - 29 Present location?
  - 32 Deli
  - 33 Barbecue site
  - 35 "Alice" waitress
  - 36 Joan of Arc's crime
  - 38 Dark wood
  - 39 Cleaning agent
  - 42 Always
  - 43 Actress
  - 44 Snare
  - 45 Aviv
  - 46 Citrus drink
  - 47 Speed (up)
  - 49 Raw mineral

Solution time: 27 mins.



Yesterday's answer 1-27



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Patton Oswalt, 48; Alan Cumming, 52; Bridget Fonda, 53; Cris Collinsworth, 58.

**Happy Birthday:** Get whatever is bothering you out of your system so that you can take full advantage of new opportunities. A change will rejuvenate you and get you back on track where important goals are concerned. Don't settle for less when you have so much more to offer. A walk down memory lane will expedite what you want to see happen. Your numbers are 3, 14, 24, 29, 32, 43, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your concern for others will take you on an interesting journey. Find out all you can. The information you retrieve will help you assist others. You can bring about changes if you offer alternatives. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Emotions will swell up over financial concerns. A problem at work or with a relationship can be expected if you aren't willing to go along with the majority opinion. Work quietly on perfecting your plan. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Keep anyone giving you a difficult time at arm's length. Don't give in to demands or pressure when you should be focused on gathering information and turning what you want into a reality. Embrace change and don't look back. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A joint venture will have strings attached. Go over details and question anything that is too costly or unnecessary. A physical

response will grab attention and ensure that everyone you are dealing with is aware of your ultimate goal. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Consider what you can do to make your domestic life better. Consider clearing a space that will encourage you to develop a new skill or start a small home base business. Nurture important partnerships to avoid emotional tension. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Check into an investment that will influence the way you do business in the future. Taking on something that can turn into additional work looks promising. Aim to build your assets and you will ease stress and improve your health. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Branch out and look for something you can do that will use your skills and bring in extra cash. Starting a small sideline business will ease financial stress and lead to new opportunities. Trust and believe in yourself and your abilities. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make love and romance a priority. Make personal decisions that will improve your life and the way you live. A physical change will make you feel good about the way you look. Greater confidence will lead to success. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll be tempted to get involved in something due to boredom and the desire for change. Before you take a leap of faith, consider the cost involved. Show interest in what others do and think but don't feel the need to participate. ★★★

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Consider different ways you can earn a living. If there is something you enjoy doing, turn it into a lucrative project. Combining talent, intellect and passion will give you a chance to live life your way. Romance is in the stars. ★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Let your emotions lead the way. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Finding out exactly where you stand will help you head in a direction that will bring positive results. Don't waffle when you should be forging ahead. ★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The less you share with others, the easier it will be to get what you want to do over and done with. Don't limit your plans because of what others are doing. Take action based on facts and common sense. ★★★

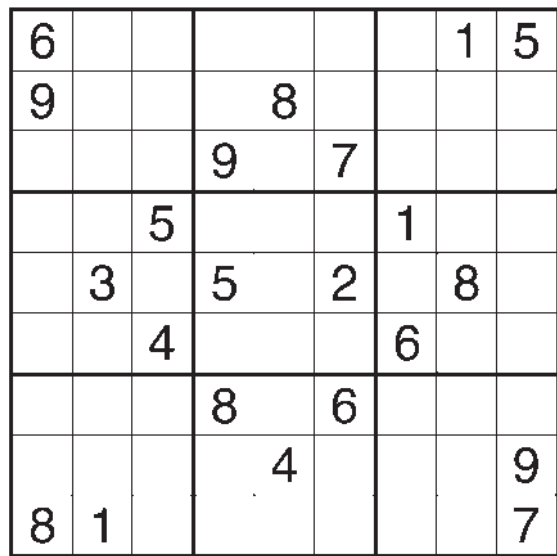
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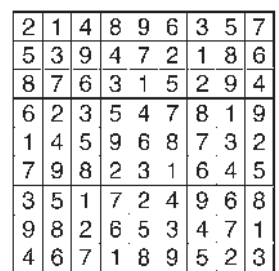


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Examination Announcement Number: LB-JVA-17-001

Position: Fiscal Analyst

PL-UNGRADED: \$50,000.00 Annual

Opening Date: January 18, 2017

The salary will be determined by the qualification of the appointee

Closing Date: February 1, 2017

Location: Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature), Capitol Hill, Saipan

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Qualifications and Requirements:

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Examination Announcement Number: LB-JVA-17-002

Position: Delegation Assistant

PL-UNGRADED: \$ 18,330.00 Annually

Opening Date: January 18, 2017

The salary will be determined by the qualification of the appointee

Closing Date: February 1, 2017

Location: Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature), Capitol Hill, Saipan

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# LeBron, slumping Cavs lose to Kings 116-112 in overtime



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Arron Afflalo dropped a 3-pointer with 17.3 seconds left in overtime, lifting the Sacramento Kings to a 116-112 win Wednesday night over the slumping Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost for the sixth time in eight games amid criticism by LeBron James.

DeMarcus Cousins had 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Kings, who trailed by five in overtime before battling back. Darren Collison added 23 points for Sacramento.

After Afflalo's 3, James missed a deep 3-point attempt for the Cavs, who were then forced to foul Cousins. Sacramento's big man dropped one of two to put away the reeling NBA champions.

James finished with 24 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists, and Kevin Love had 21 points and 16 rebounds, but it wasn't enough. This was the Cavs' first game since James called the team's roster "top heavy" and questioned whether the organization was fully committed to winning a second title.

## Warriors 113, Hornets 103

In Charlotte, N.C., Kevin Durant scored 16 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter, Stephen Curry added 28 points on six 3-pointers in his annual homecoming game and the Golden State Warriors rallied to beat the Charlotte Hornets.

Klay Thompson had 19 points for the Warriors, who rebounded from a 105-102 loss to the Miami Heat on Monday.

Curry capped a memorable trip home to Charlotte in which he had his high school jersey retired and was honored at Davidson College with the naming of "Section 30" at Belk Arena where the Wildcats play their home games. Curry's return following his second MVP award drew a crowd of 19,639, the largest crowd to see a game at the Spectrum Center.

Kemba Walker led Charlotte with 26 points while battling through an illness.

## Thunder 114, Pelicans 105

In New Orleans, Russell Westbrook had 27 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, passing Larry Bird with his 60th career triple-double, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New Orleans Pelicans.

Pelicans All-Star Anthony Davis left late in the second quarter after re-aggravating a right thigh injury that kept him out of New Orleans' upset of Cleveland on Monday night. The Pelicans trailed by 12 when Davis left and went down by as many as 22 early in the third before rallying to as close as five points.



Sacramento Kings' DeMarcus Cousins (15) looks to pass against Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love (0) and LeBron James (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, in Cleveland. AP

## LeBron, Cavs meet after star's scathing postgame rant

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—LeBron James has smoothed things over with his teammates and bosses—for now.

In the aftermath of calling Cleveland's roster "top heavy" and questioning the organization's commitment to winning a second championship following Monday's loss in New Orleans, James met with the Cavaliers as a team and spoke one on one Wednesday with general manager David Griffin to discuss his assertions.

"I think we both needed it," said Griffin, who spoke to reporters shortly before the Cavs hosted the Sacramento Kings. "I'm happy it happened."

Griffin was not pleased James went public with his feelings and felt he demeaned some players.

"It wouldn't have been my preferred method," Griffin said. "It certainly wasn't appropriate from a teammate perspective. But, it is what it is."

Cleveland's problems worsened Wednesday night as the Cavs blew a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter and lost 116-112 in overtime to the Sacramento Kings, one of the worst teams in the Western Conference Cleveland has dropped six of eight.

The Cavs missed 17 free throws and squandered a five-point lead in the final 2:30 of OT.

Steven Adams had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Enes Kanter 17 points and 11 boards for the Thunder, who outscored New Orleans 62-54 inside.

"We gotta get better, that's all," said James, who quickly dressed and left after just a few questions. "We had our opportunities. It don't matter who we go against, if they're sub-.500 or plus-.500, we know we're going to get everybody's best, so we just gotta be better."

James triggered a seismic reaction both inside and outside Cleveland's organization with the scathing comments he made in New Orleans to a small group of traveling beat writers after the Cavs lost to the Pelicans, who were missing All-Star Anthony Davis.

Griffin said he was most bothered by James' claim that the Cavs seemed to be satisfied with one title and weren't doing all they could to repeat as champions.

"The comment about the organization being complacent I think is really misguided," Griffin said. "Organizationally there is absolutely no lack of clarity on what our set goal is. We are here to win championships and there is no other outcome that is acceptable and there never has been."

Griffin said he's continuing to try and improve Cleveland's roster, adding that James' issues will not speed up any timeline.

Griffin also appreciates that James wants to win and is frustrated by the team's

recent slide. Despite their slump, the Cavs entered Wednesday's game at 30-13 and leading the Eastern Conference by three games.

"We're all frustrated," Griffin said. "Everyone is frustrated and I can appreciate the fact that he feels that way. The thing you have to love about him and everybody on this team is they're really passionate about what they do and everyone is frustrated. So, I get the sentiment."

Griffin would not say if James showed remorse for his rant.

Earlier, coach Tyronn Lue said the Cavs met as a group and discussed James' comments.

"For me, you always want to try to improve the team whether you're great or not," Lue said. "Golden State won 73 games last year and they added Kevin Durant. You always want to get better and when you see teams getting better as a competitor you want to get better. But we have enough on this team to win a championship. We can get better. I know Griff is going to make us better and he's going to do the best he can."

"For me, LeBron James, the best player in the world, took a team that was worse to the NBA Finals two years ago. We have a good team. We just have to start playing better as a unit. No excuses."

seconds left, as the Memphis Grizzlies sent Toronto to its fifth straight loss.

Gasol's final free throws ended a 12-0 run by the Raptors that tied the game at 99. Kyle

Lowry's fadeaway 28-footer from the left wing bounced off the rim as time expired, saving Memphis from wasting Gasol's career effort.

Zach Randolph finished with 16 points for Memphis, while Tony Allen had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Conley had 11 points. Gasol converted 14 of 25 shots, including going 5 of 10 from 3-point range.

Lowry led the Raptors with 29 points, including 14 points in the fourth quarter, to lead Toronto's final charge. Norman Powell had 21 points and Cory Joseph finished with 15 points.

## 76ers 114, Bucks 109

In Milwaukee, despite playing without leading scorer Joel Embiid for the second consecutive game, the Philadelphia 76ers held off the Milwaukee Bucks to win for the fifth time in six games.

Gerald Henderson led the 76ers with 20 points, Ersan Ilyasova and Dario Saric added 17 apiece, and the 76ers scored a season-high 72 points in the first half.

Greg Monroe's season-high 28 points led the Bucks, Jabari Parker added 20 and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Milwaukee led by three when Parker stole a cross-court pass, but was called for a foul after inadvertently hitting Robert Covington in the face. Covington made both free throws to cut Milwaukee's lead to one with 45 seconds left. After a backcourt violation, Nerlens Noel drew a foul and converted two free throws to give Philadelphia the lead.

Noel hit a jumper and Ilyasova made two free throws to seal the win.

## Celtics 120, Rockets 109

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas had 38 points and nine assists, Jae Crowder scored 23 and the Boston Celtics beat the Houston Rockets.

It was Thomas' 15th game this season with at least 30 points and his 29th consecutive outing with 20 or more. Crowder grabbed 10 rebounds and Al Horford totaled 20 points and nine assists for Boston (27-18), which had lost three straight games.

James Harden finished with 30 points and 12 assists, Ryan Anderson scored 19 and Sam Dekker had 15 off the bench as the Rockets (34-15) lost for the sixth time in nine games.

## Heat 109, Nets 106

In New York, Dion Waiters scored 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, including the clinching 3 with 6.8 seconds left, and the Miami Heat overcame an 18-point deficit in the final period to beat the beleaguered Brooklyn Nets.

Wayne Ellington had 22 points and Goran Dragic add-

ed 17 for the streaking Heat, who have won a season-best five straight games.

Brook Lopez scored 33 for the Nets, including a career-high seven 3-pointers. Brooklyn (9-36) has lost 14 of 15 and owns the worst record in the NBA.

The Heat trailed 89-71 entering the fourth, but outscored the Nets 38-17 the rest of the way.

## Hawks 119, Bulls 114

In Chicago, Dennis Schroder scored 24 points, Paul Millsap added 21 and the Atlanta Hawks ended the game on a 19-4 run to beat the Chicago Bulls.

Thabo Sefolosha scored 18 and Tim Hardaway Jr. added 17, hitting four of his team's 17 3-pointers as the Hawks pulled out their seventh straight win against Chicago.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls with 40 points. Dwyane Wade scored 33, but Chicago let a 10-point lead slip away down the stretch.

It was 110-100 with less than three minutes remaining when Millsap, Schroder and Hardaway nailed 3s on consecutive possessions to start the game-ending run.

## Mavericks 103, Knicks 95

In Dallas, Harrison Barnes scored 23 points and Seth Curry had 20 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the New York Knicks.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points for Dallas, which was coming off a 49-point blow-out of the Los Angeles Lakers. The last-place Mavericks (16-29) have won five of seven.

Carmelo Anthony, the subject of trade talk, scored 30 points to lead the Knicks. Courtney Lee had 23 for New York, which has lost 14 of 18.

Dallas led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter, but the Knicks rallied to get within one twice in the fourth quarter.

## Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 98

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard scored 24 points and the Trail Blazers beat the Los Angeles Lakers, capping Portland's celebration of the 40th anniversary of the team's 1977 NBA championship.

CJ McCollum added 24 points for the Blazers, who have won 11 straight regular-season games against the Lakers.

Los Angeles was led by Lou Williams with 31 points, including six 3-pointers. The Lakers were coming off a 122-73 loss at Dallas on Sunday, the most lopsided loss in franchise history.

Portland was without Ed Davis for the second straight game because of a left wrist injury, and Maurice Harkless, who has a calf injury. The Lakers didn't have D'Angelo Russell for the second straight game because of a sprained right knee and calf.



# All-Williams final set at Australian Open; Venus, Serena win



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BOURNE,  
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(AP)—Ser-  
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win away from a record 23rd Grand Slam title after setting up an all-Williams final at the Australian Open. The only person standing in her way is her older sister, Venus.

No. 2-ranked Serena Williams, a six-time Australian Open winner, overwhelmed Mirjana Lucic-Baroni 6-2, 6-1 in just 50 minutes in the second of women's semifinals on Thursday after Venus Williams beat fellow American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.

"She's my toughest opponent—nobody has ever beaten me as much as Venus has," Serena Williams said. "I just feel like no matter what happens, we've won."

"She's been through a lot, I've been through a lot. To see her do so well it's great. I look forward to it. A Williams is going to win this tournament."

The 36-year-old Venus Williams is back in a Grand Slam final for the first time since Wimbledon in 2009 and her first in Australia since 2003, when she lost the only previous all-Williams final at Melbourne Park.

She tossed her racket after clinching the 2-hour, 26-minute semifinal on her fourth match point and put her hands up to her face, almost in disbelief, before crossing her arms over her heart. She then did a stylish pirouette on the court, smiling broadly, as the crowd gave her a standing ovation.

Venus Williams has overcome an energy-sapping ill-



AP  
United States'  
Venus Williams celebrates after defeating compatriot Coco Vandeweghe during their semifinal at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017.

ness and is playing her best tennis since being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome in 2011.

"Everyone has their moment in the sun," Venus Williams said. "Maybe mine has gone on a while. I'd like to keep that going. I've got nothing else to do so let's

keep it going."

Serena Williams' celebration was more subdued after her 50-minute, one-sided win over 34-year-old Lucic-Baroni, who was playing her first semifinal at a major since Wimbledon in 1999. Lucic-Baroni took a selfie with her cell phone on the court before

waving and leaving Rod Laver Arena.

Serena didn't get to watch much of her sister's match, but she knew the result before she went out to play.

"Obviously I was really proud of Venus—a total inspiration, my big sister," Serena said. "She's basically my

world and my life. She means everything to me. I was so happy for her. For us both to be in the final is the biggest dream come true for us."

Venus Williams has won seven major titles, but none since Wimbledon in 2008. Her gap between major finals is the longest for any player in

the Open era. She's also lost six of the eight Grand Slam finals she's played against her younger sister, and is 11-16 in career meetings.

Venus Williams is the oldest player to reach a women's major final since Martina Navratilova, then 37 and 258 days, at Wimbledon in 1994.

The 25-year-old Vandeweghe was playing in the last four at a major for the first time and was the only semifinalist younger than 34. She'd advanced with back-to-back wins over top-ranked Angelique Kerber and French Open champion Garbine Muguruza and took charge against Venus Williams in the first-set tiebreaker.

But Venus Williams rallied after dropping a set for the first time in the tournament, breaking Vandeweghe four times over the final two sets and putting pressure back on her fellow American.

Vandeweghe said earlier in the tournament she'd admired the Williams sisters as an up-and-coming player, and once asked for Venus' autograph. Venus Williams said one of the best things about her longevity in the game was having an influence on other players.

"Growing up, all I wanted was to have an opportunity to play these tournaments. But then you get here and then you have an opportunity to inspire other people," she said. "It's more than a cherry on top. It's more than I dreamed of."

Earlier, Bob and Mike Bryan earned a shot at a seventh Australian Open doubles title after a rain-interrupted 7-6 (7-1) 6-3 semifinal win Friday over Pablo Carreno Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

## NFL returns to playground to spice up skills 'competition'



**ORLANDO, Fla.**  
(AP)—The  
NFL and its  
players were

looking for ways to spice up the Pro Bowl, so they decided to have San Diego Chargers quarterback Phillip Rivers throw balls at opponents.

Dodge balls.

After moving the game to Orlando this year and returning it to the traditional AFC-NFC matchup, the NFL also is bringing back the skills competition, with some activities that might be more closely associated with elementary recess than NFL skills.

The "competitions" include made-for-television activities like the drone drop, power relays and dodge ball—yes, dodge ball—as part of Pro Bowl Week at

Disney's sports complex.

In keeping with the unusual, 20 players representing the NFC AFC went head-to-head in dodge ball. The winner received a monetary prize, though only fans who attended Wednesday's workouts know who that is, everyone else will have to wait until it airs on Thursday night.

There were some actual football skills competition fans might remember from a decade ago, including quarterback challenge and a hands competition for receivers.

But dodge ball?

Rivers was among the players who competed, though the 35-year-old said he hadn't played since he was in elementary school.

"We use to play on Fridays and we called it 'bombardi,'" he said. "It was fun."

Maybe Browns lineman Joe

Thomas is onto something with this dodge ball thing. "Fun" is not a word often used to describe any on-field activities associated with arguably one of the worst all-star games in sports.

Fun and making it more exciting for the fans was the point when a players focus group led by Cleveland's left tackle tossed out the idea of the players competing in non-football related events such as dodge ball. A dunk tank was also proposed but it didn't make the NFL's chopping block.

Thomas wanted to have skills events that even offensive and defensive linemen could get involved in.

"People will definitely tune in to watch stuff like dodge ball," Thomas said. "You can find some skills for linemen that aren't going to

get them hurt."

Not that this dodge ball was completely safe. There was mixture of size, quickness and agility, ranging from Rivers, to Thomas to Colts speedy T.Y. Hilton. All 20 of the competitors were jammed in a fenced-in area and the yellow balls became virtual projectiles as players were not holding back in the made-for-TV spectacle.

ESPN, which brought in its Monday Night Football crew to film the activities, captured nearly three hours of footage that it will break-down to 47 minutes to be shown Thursday night.

Peter O'Reilly, the NFL senior vice president of events said believes it will be compelling TV.

"The players are into, the fans are into it," he said Wednesday. "It's a win-win."

Orlando residents Juan and Marisol Rodriguez, proudly decked out in Raiders gear, enjoyed the show - at least in person.

"It was nice to see the personalities out here," Marisol said, adding she took off work to be there Wednesday. "You see them on television but it was actually nice to see their personalities showing up in person."

New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham, Jr. enjoyed himself, even lifting his self-imposed no media policy.

"We got to do the hands competition, the drone drop and we get to play dodge ball so it is cool to be able to do these things," he said. "Everybody wants to see the skills."

While it might stretching it to call dodge ball a skill, at least when it comes to NFL players, there were some activities fans associate with football, including a passing competition and a receiving

challenge, but even they had a twist. Instead of throwing at stationary targets, quarterbacks including Rivers, Andy Dalton, Drew Brees, and Dak Prescott threw footballs at spinning and moving targets that had varied points attached depending on the difficulty of the throw.

Receivers like Beckham and Jarvis Landry took part in a hands competition where they had to catch footballs one handed, two handed and sideline passes without stepping out of bounds.

The drone "competition" was developing. It took quite a while for the drone to pick up a football and hover starting at 75 feet above the field before dropping the ball to an awaiting player. The height increased in increments of 10 feet, until only player remained standing. That sounds painful, though not as painful as it was waiting for the drone to reach its height.



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Top Development, Inc. picked up where it left off, downing Konstrak Builders, 85-73, in the second game in the 2017 JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TDI, which broke into the win column last week following a 75-66 triumph over Mobil/COAG, made it two in a row after surviving Konstrak's third-quarter rally and playing steady in the fourth.

After falling behind by as much as 11 points in the first half, Konstrak grabbed the upper hand in the latter part of the third period, 57-55, behind the triple of Ronilo Sabidal. However, Konstrak's stay on top was just short-lived, as TDI quickly regrouped and reclaimed the driver's seat, 63-59, entering the final canto. Six straight points from Allen Reyes and a pair of free throws from Krisgel Arreza brought TDI back on top after the third quarter.

In the fourth, an 11-3 scoring surge allowed TDI to put the game away for good, as reclaimed its double-digit spread, 74-62, a little over four minutes left in the match. Allen Reyes led the breakaway as he added 6 more points in that stretch.

Allen Reyes was one of the three TDI players to post at least 20 points in their victory against Konstrak Builders. He finished with 28 points, while Raymond Velasco and Jerome Reyes chipped in 21 and 20, respectively.

Allen, Jerome, and Velasco found their targets early as they scored all of TDI's points

# TDI takes second straight win



Top Development, Inc.'s Allen Reyes, center, pulls up for a one-hander against Konstrak Builders' Ronilo Sabidal, left, and Ramon Afonso during the fourth quarter of their game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

in the opening quarter to hand their squad a 24-13 advantage. Konstrak then trimmed the

deficit down to 4 at the break, 35-39, as TDI's trio slowed down, while the former played

a balance offense to stay in the game. Konstrak kept moving clos-

er to TDI in the second half and successfully stole the lead off Sabidal's 5 straight points in the closing stage of the third, but the former failed to keep its momentum to remain winless in two games.

Meanwhile, in the first game, CUC held McDonald's to three field goals in the fourth quarter to bag a 72-63 win.

CUC, which improved to a 3-1 record, was just ahead by 3 at the end of the third canto, 58-55, but managed to gain more cushion en route to its 9-point win when McDonald's misfired in the payoff canto.

McDonald's drew just one basket each from Joseph and Michael Achas and Sherwin Gaspar for the team's 8 points in the fourth, which Eugene Manglona alone nearly matched after registering 6 markers. Three other CUC players hit the board in the fourth canto to finish off McDonald's.

Manglona top-scored for CUC with his 30 points, making up for his free throw woes in their 71-74 loss to Best Deal/RNV Construction last Friday. John Santos and Iramk Simada added 17 and 10, respectively.

Michael Achas had 22 markers for McDonald's, which absorbed its first defeat in three games.

## First Game

**CUC 72** – Manglona 30, Santos 16, Simada 10, Poquiz 5, Mizutani 4, Camacho, Lieto 2.

**McDonald's 63** – Mi. Achas 22, Mc. Achas 12, J. Achas 8, Gaspar 7, Gapor 6,

Macaranas 5, C. Achas 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-12, 41-35, 58-55, 72-63.

## Second Game

**TDI 85** – A. Reyes 28, Velasco 21, J. Reyes 20, K. Arreza 8, Barros 4, Ibarra 2, Mafnas 2.

**Konstrak 73** – Sabidal 22, Poblete 21, Espejo 9, Bernardo 7, David 6, Alfonso 2, Lenon 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-13, 39-35, 63-59, 85-73.

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Shin, while the other semis pairing will have Australia's Maggie Pearce and Tully Richter challenging No. 2 seed Wong and Leong.

Meanwhile, Lee said the ongoing tournament in Wellington is tougher than the one she had in Christchurch.

"The last tournament had less people than this competition. The opponents I had to face here were tougher, but I am glad I was able to make it to the semifinals of the singles event. Looking at the score, one might think the games are easy, but they are not. Every game is a challenge for me," said Lee in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* following her singles win yesterday.

After the Grade 4 tournament in Wellington, the CNMI player will head to Auckland for the NZ ITF Summer Championships 2017—a Grade 3 competition and offers more ITF Juniors ranking points.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	18	.609	—
Boston	27	18	.600	½
New York	20	27	.426	8½
Philadelphia	17	27	.386	10
Brooklyn	9	36	.200	18½

#### Southeast Division

Atlanta	27	19	.587	—
Washington	25	20	.556	1½
Charlotte	23	23	.500	4
Orlando	18	29	.383	9½
Miami	16	30	.348	11

#### Central Division

Cleveland	30	14	.682	—
Indiana	22	22	.500	8
Chicago	23	24	.489	8½
Milwaukee	21	24	.467	9½
Detroit	21	25	.457	10

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
San Antonio	36	9	.800	—
Houston	34	15	.694	4
Memphis	27	20	.574	10
New Orleans	18	28	.391	18½
Dallas	16	29	.356	20

#### Northwest Division

Utah	29	18	.617	—
Oklahoma City	27	19	.587	1½
Denver	19	25	.432	8½
Portland	20	27	.426	9
Minnesota	17	28	.378	11

Pacific Division				
Golden State	39	7	.848	—
L.A. Clippers	30	17	.638	9½
Sacramento	18	27	.400	20½
Phoenix	15	30	.333	23½
L.A. Lakers	16	33	.327	24½

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better in future games.

"It was a very good exposure," said Michiteru Mita, the new technical director of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, replacing Kiyoshi Sekiguchi. "They picked up some techniques and learned game situation adjustments."

Mita, who called the shots for the Teen Ayuyus and was assisted by Jershin An-

geles and Jon Takano, said matches against high-level teams like Shonan Institute are what the CNMI bets need to get better as they prepare for an Asian Football Confederation tournament later this year.

"The Japanese team is very organized. Their players are very clever and they managed to adjust to the condition of the field gradually after struggling early," Mita said.

The visiting squad, which

is made of senior high school players of the university located in Fujisawa in Kanagawa Prefecture, got into the groove after Jora Yoshiura scored the team's first goal in the 15th minute. Yoshiura made it two in a row with his shot eight minutes before the 40-minute first half ended. The Japanese kept going in the second half, as even the heavy showers could not prevent them from successfully attacking the Teen Ayuyus' defense.

Yoshiura earned one more goal in the 64th minute to complete the hat-trick, while Takumi Yozumi, Hayata Kimura, and Daichi Inoue were the other scorers for Shonan Institute of Technology. Yozumi hit the board for the visiting team in the 47th minute, while Kimura had his goal nine minutes later. Inoue closed out for the Japanese with his conversions in the 69th and 71st minute.

(from 2:26.09), respectively.

In the 800m freestyle, Ken-to Akimaru's 10:08.60 topped the field and also shattered his old PBT of 19:23.38, while Taiga Sato marked a PBT, too with his 10:46.91 (from 11:02.48).

Meanwhile, SSC would like to thank the volunteers and all the swimmers who participated in the weekend meet. Tsunami Saipan and Dolphin Club also joined the Double Distance Meet and results of their races will be reported next week.

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PBT in the eight-lap race was 5:25.05. He was the top finisher in his group, beating two Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers and teammate Taiyo Akimaru, who did the event for the first time and checked in at 6:08.16.

In the 100m freestyle race, Jinnosuke's 1:06.41 broke his old PBT of 1:06.93 and defeated the 1:15.18 and 2:15.02 of Taiyo Akimaru and Tsu-

ami Saipan's James Kill, respectively.

In other results, siblings Mark Jainier and Julie Anne Chavez, Moshe and Savita Sikkell, Cojiro Kaga, and Taga Sato also got PBTs in the weekend meet, while Jinju Thompson and Kento Akimaru earned one more PBT.

Mark had PBTs in the 200m and 100m freestyle. He registered 1:37.08 in the 100m freestyle event to surpass his old mark of 1:37.43, while his 3:30.87 was also better than

his previous record of 3:32.56. Her youngest sister Julie Anne also made a PBT in the 100m freestyle after posting 2:02.30 (from 2:04.22).

The Sikkell siblings duplicated Mark and Julie Anne's feats in the 100m freestyle with Savita clocking in at 1:35.92 (from 1:43.54) and Moshe timing in at 2:11.42 (from 2:17.07). Jinju and Cojiro completed SSC's roster of PBT getters in the two-lap race after recording 1:13.58 (from 1:14.24) and 1:59.30



# COPSSA Basketball League

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Mt. Carmel School's James San Nicolas beats two Agape Christian School players for the rebound during the second quarter of their game in the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League last Tuesday at the ACS court in Middle Road.



Tychicus Xu looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as he faces two Mt. Carmel School defenders.



Mt. Carmel School's Mark Kapileo pulls up for a running jumper.



Agape Christian School's Yang Chenxuan stretches for a layup.



Mt. Carmel School and Agape Christian School players battle for the loose ball.



Mt. Carmel School players play pressure defense on Agape Christian School's Yang Chenxuan.



Mt. Carmel School's Jeremiah Diaz hugs the ball during the closing seconds of their game against Agape Christian School.



Mt. Carmel School's Markus Toves tries to save the ball from going out of the baseline.





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Cavs lose to  
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## Lee inches closer to finale

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee exacted revenge on Nina Paripovich after sweeping her Kiwi foe in their singles game in the 2017 Tecnifibre Tennis Central Championships yesterday at the Renouf Tennis Centre in Wellington, New Zealand.

Lee's 6-2, 6-3 win was sweeter as it also put the CNMI bet to the semifinal round of the 64-player draw. Paripovich, along with compatriot Emilia Price earlier denied the No. 2 seed Lee (and

Fiji's Mulan Kamoe) entry to the finals of the doubles event in the Wilson Tennis Canterbury ITF last week in Christchurch.



The 15-year-old player will again knock on the finals door, as she takes on Japan's Risa Fukutoku today

in the semifinals of the lower half of the draw. The No. 3 seed Japanese moved into the Final Four following a similar straight sets victory over fifth-ranked Justine Leong of Hong Kong, 6-3, 6-2.

The other semis pairing will have top seed Mana Kawamura of Japan facing No. 4 Oleksandra Kalachova of New Zealand. The Japanese made it to the semis after downing Hong Kong's Jenny Wong, 6-3, 6-2, while Kalachova followed suit as she eliminated Kawamura's compatriot Momoko Nagato in similar scores.

The top-ranked Kawamura is also in the semifinals of the doubles event after she and Fukutoku defeated Lee and Kamoe in the quarterfinals of the upper half of the draw, 6-3, 6-2. The No. 1 seed duo will duel the Japanese-Korean tandem of Yuna Ohashi and Jiho

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Carol Lee is in the semifinals of the singles event in the 2017 Tecnifibre Tennis Central Championships in Wellington, New Zealand.



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Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki races in the 100m freestyle event during the SSC Double Distance Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

## 16 PBTs for SSC swimmers

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Saipan Swim Club members earned 16 personal best times during last Saturday's SSC Double Distance Meet held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Jinnosuke Suzuki led SSC's PBT getters after surpassing his own records in the 1,500m freestyle, 400m freestyle, and 100m events. The 11-year-old swimmer timed in at 20:19.02 in the grueling 30-lap race, chopping off more than 28 seconds from his previous mark which read at 20:48.13.

Jinnosuke was the third fastest swimmer to complete the longest race of the day, just a second and change behind his older brother

Lenosuke, who clocked in at 20:18.00. The younger Suzuki finished ahead of older SSC swimmers—Taiga Sato (20:34.11), Christian Villacrusis (22:02.70), and David Boyer (22:13.27).

Boyer also achieved a PBT, crushing his old mark of 24:25.23, while Kento Akimaru had the best time in the 1,500m race after registering 18:51.48, which eclipsed his previous PBT of 19:33.27. Still in the same event, Jinju Thompson was the fourth SSC member to gain a PBT after logging 22:13.75 (from 23:02.03).

In the 400m freestyle, Jinnosuke broke the five-minute barrier after checking in at 4:58.03. His old

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## New coach welcomes exposure for Teen Ayuyus



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The CNMI U17 training pool may have lost its friendly match against the visiting Shonan Institute of Technology, 0-7, last Wednesday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, but still gained lessons that could help the group play

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The players of the CNMI U17 training pool chase down Shonan Institute of Technology's Takumi Yozumi during the first half of their friendly game last Wednesday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.